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CHITTOOR,
11*th July* 1942.

B. S. BALIGA,
Curator, Madras Record Office.

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		ANJENGO
52	..	dated 20th Febry. 1756.
83	..	„ 31st May „
100	..	„ 30th June „
155	..	„ 28th Augst. „
156	..	„ 27th Septr. „
		BANDARMALKA.
10	..	dated 7th Janry. 1756.
18	..	„ 27th Janry. „
30	..	„ 30th Janry. „
40	..	„ 13th Febry. „
49	..	„ 22nd Febrr. „
50	..	„ 23rd Febry. „
51	..	„ 2d March „
60	..	„ 15th April „
68	..	„ 3d May „
77	..	„ June „
82	..	„ 5th June „
93	..	„ 1st July „
110	..	„ 25th July „
119	..	„ 12th Augst „
142	..	„ 28th Septr. „
146	..	„ 3d Octr. „
148	..	„ 2d Augst. „
152	..	„ 19th Septr. „
153	..	„ 2d Octr. „
170	..	„ 16th Novr. „
182	..	„ 16th Decr. „
		BENGAL.
11	..	dated 5th Janry. 1756
12	..	„ 8th Janry. „
47	..	„ 4th Febry. „
64	..	„ 26th March „
65	..	„ 26th March „
66	..	„ 29th March „
95	..	„ 25th May „
96	..	„ 4th June „
97	..	„ 7th June „
104	..	„ 8th June „
		BOMBAY.
1	..	dated 27th Novr. [1755].
4	..	„ 2nd Decr. „
20	..	„ 4th Janry. „
57	..	„ 17th Mar[ch] „
67	..	„ 25th Apr[il] „
111	..	„ 26th June „
144	..	„ 10th Septr. „
		CANTON.
43	..	dated 1st Novr. [1755].
44	..	„ 1st Novr. „
		CHANDERNAGORE.
112	..	dated 2d July [1756].
115	..	„ 6th [July] „
116	..	„ [7th July] „
131	..	„ [18th July] „
		DACCA.
132	..	dated 13th [July 1756]

N°.		
		DEVE COTAH.
19	..	dated 31st Janry. 1756.
31	..	„ 13th Febry. „
35	..	„ 16th Febry. „
38	..	„ 20th Febry. „
56	..	„ 12th April „
78	..	„ 15th June „
79	..	„ 16th June „
[1]03	..	„ 20th July „
[10]7	..	„ 29th July „
[13]5	..	„ 9th Septr. „
[1]51	..	„ 11th Octr. „
[1]81	..	„ 21st Decr. „
		FORT MARLBRO.
[6]	..	dated 30th Septr. 1755.
[124]	..	„ 17th July 1756.
[125]	..	„ 15th April „
[126]	..	„ 9th Octr. 1755.
		FORT ST. DAVID.
[3]	..	dated 10th Janry. 1756.
[17]	..	„ 27th Janry. „
[24]	..	„ 6th Febry. „
[27]	..	„ 9th Febry. „
[28]	..	„ 9th Febry. „
[29]	..	„ 10th. Febry. „
[34]	..	„ 17th. Febry. „
39	..	„ 20th. Febry. „
41	..	„ 27th. Febry. „
42	..	„ 8th March „
53	..	„ 24th. March „
54	..	„ 5th. April „
59	..	„ 24th. April „
62	..	„ 8th. May „
73	..	„ 30th May „
76	..	„ 7th. June „
80	..	„ 17th. June „
84	..	„ 23d. June „
88	..	„ 28th. June „
89	..	„ 8th July „
98	..	„ 13th. July „
99	..	„ 19th. July „
102	..	„ 22d July „
106	..	„ 2d. Augst „
108	..	„ 5th. Augst „
113	..	„ 16th Augst. „
120	..	„ 22d. Augst. „
127	..	„ 29th. Augst. „
128	..	„ 30th. Augst. „
133	..	„ 7th. Septr. „
134	..	„ 9th. Septr. „
136	..	„ 20th. Septr. „
138	..	„ 28th. Septr. „
143		„ 4th. Octr. „
145	..	„ 8th. Octr. „
157	..	„ 22d. Octr. „
158	..	„ 31st. Octr. „
159	..	„ 1st. Octr. „
161	..	„ 9th. Novr. „
167	..	„ 19th. Novr. „
169	..	„ 25th. Novr. „
172	..	„ 7th. Decr. „

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N°.			
173	..	dated 7th. Decr.	1756.
174	..	,, 11th. Decr.	,,
175	..	,, 17th. Decr.	,,
176	..	,, 20th. Decr.	,,
178	..	,, 21st. Decr.	,,
179	..	,, 25th. Decr.	,,
180	..	,, 21st. Decr.	,,

FULTA.

122	..	dated 13th. July	1756
123	..	,, 14th. July	,,

INGELLEE.

13	..	,, 13th. Janry.	1756.

INGERAM.

2	..	dated 20th. Decr.	1756.
9	..	,, 9th. Janry.	,,
16	..	,, 21st. Janry.	,,
33	..	,, 24th. Janry.	,,
37	..	,, 4th. Febry.	,,
45	..	,, 22d. Febry.	,,
46	..	,, 22d. Febry.	,,
55	..	,, 10th. March	,,
63	..	,, 15th. April	,,
70	..	,, 6th. May	,,
74	..	,, 18th. May	,,
75	..	,, 25th. May	,,
81	..	,, 6th. May	,,
92	..	,, 24th. June	,,
101	..	,, 5th. July	,,
114	..	,, 2d. Augst	,,
130	..	,, 22d. Augst.	,,
140	..	,, 18th. Septr.	,,
141	..	,, 26th. Septr.	,,
154	..	,, 2d. Octr.	,,
166	..	,, 4th. Novr.	,,
168	..	,, 8th. Novr.	,,
177	..	,, 3d. Decr.	,,

NATTALL.

7	..	dated 25th. July	1755.
8	..	,, 11th Novr.	,,

NEGRAIS.

14	..	da[ted] 17th Octr.	1755.
15	..	,, 7th. Decr	,,
22	..	,, 23d. Decr.	,,
23	..	,, 26th. Janry.	,,
85	..	,, 25th. April	,,
86	..	,, 25th. April	,,
94	..	,, 11th. May	,,
165	..	,, 15th. Octr.	,,

ST. HELENA.

71	..	dated 9th. April	1756.

TELLICHERY.

5	..	dated 24th. Decr.	1755.
21	..	,, 16th. Janry.	1756.
48	..	,, 24th. Febry.	,,
72	..	,, 8th. May	,,
109	..	,, 11th. July	,,
139	..	,, 16th. Septr.	,,
149	..	,, 26th. Septr.	,,
162	..	,, 17th. Octr.	,,
163	..	,, 28th. Octr.	,,

VIZAGAPATAM.

N°.			
25	..	dated 13th. Janry.	1756.
26	..	,, 24th. Jan.	,,
32	..	,, 3d. Feb.	,,
36	..	,, 7th. Feb.	,,
58	..	,, 7th. April	,,
61	..	,, 10th. April	,,
69	..	,, 24th. April	,,
87	..	,, 7th. June	,,
90	..	,, 25 . June	,,
91	..	,, 28 . June	,,
105	..	,, 15 . July	,,
117	..	,, 4th. Augst.	,,
118	..	,, 5th. Augst.	,,
121	..	,, 13th. Augst.	,,
129	..	,, 15 . Augst.	,,
137	..	,, 3d. Septr.	,,
147	..	,, 4th. Octr.	,,
150	..	,, 8th. Octr.	,,
160	..	,, 15th. Octr.	,,
164	..	,, 3d. Novr.	,,
171	..	,, 15th. Novr.	,,

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16 Indent for Stores wanti[ng at] Ingeram.

17 Letter from Mr. Fairfield Storekr. to the Deputy Governor & Council at Fort St. David.

D°. Indent for Stores want[ing for] the Garrison of Fort St. David.

D°. Indent for Military [stores] wanting for the use of the Garrison at Fort St. David.

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25 List of the Packet from Vizagapatam.

26 Letter from Mr. Robt. Jackson of Snow Arcot to Mr. Boddam Chief of Vizagm.

27 Letter & Report from the Committee of Accts. to the Deputy Governor & Council of Fort St. David.

28 List of the Packet from Fort St. David.

28 List of the Book Packet from D°.

30 Indent for Stores wanting at Madapollam Factory.

32 An Acct. of Stores wanting deficient pr. Cuddalore at Vizagapatam.

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42 Letter and Report from the Committee of Accts. to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David.

44 Acct. of Price Current of Goods at Canton.

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N°. 47 Letter from Captn. Forrester of Ship Duke of Dorset to the President & Council of Bengal.

53 Letter & Report of the Committee of Accounts to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort S^t. David.

[54] Letter and Report from the Committee of Accounts to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort S^t. David.

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60 An Acc^t. of the Package of 100 white Bales at Bandarmalanka.

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D°. A Calculate shewing the difference between the Prices of Cloth in Madrass and Curr^t. Pagodas and the Madrass Prices.

D°. An Estimate for building a Wall round the Factory House at Bandarmalanka.

61 Letter from Capt. Robt. Jackson to M^r. Boddam &c^a. Council at Vizagapatam.

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63 A Calculate of the Cost of Packing 100 White Bales & 100 brown Bales at Ingeram.

D°. A Reduction of the Prices of Cloth sent from Ingeram from the former Invoice Prices into Curr^t. Pagodas at 10 p^r. Cent as also the prices fix'd by the President & Council with the Difference.

[66] Letter from M^r. Brooke at the Negrais to the President & Council at Bengal.

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76 Indent for stores wanting for the Use of the Garrison of Fort S^t. David for whole Year.

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D°. Letter from the Committee of Acc^ts. to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort S^t. Da[vid.]

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87 Letter from M^r. L. Smith Warehousek^r. to M^r. Boddam &c^a. Council at Vizagapatam.

D°. Letter from M^r. Best Storehousek^r. to M^r. Boddam &c^a. Council at Vizagapatam.

D°. Indent of Wares wanting at Vizagapatam Factory.

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95 A Return of Military Recruits, designed for Bengal from Europe, and Stopt [at] Fort S^t. George by the President & Council there.

96 Letter from Cossimbuzar to the President & Council of Bengal.

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101 Letter from M^r. Westcott at Ingeram to M^r. Bury at Yanaon.

D°. Letter from M^r. Bury to M^r. Westcott.

D°. Letter from M^r. Westcott to M^r. Bury.

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103 Letter from M^r. Hume to M^r. Drake chief at Deve Cotah.

108 Letter from the Committee of Acc^ts. to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^t. David.

116 Letter from M^r. Drake &c^a. Council of Bengal to Coja Wazeed.

D°. Letter from M^r. Drake &c^a. Council of Bengal to Messrs. Watts and Collett.

118 Letter from M^r. Bibb (with an Acc^t. of Repairs required to be done to the Arcot Snow) to M^r. Boddam &c^a. Council at Vizagapatam.

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D°. Letter from Captn. D'Illens to M^r. Wynch

D°. Letter from M^r. Wynch to Captn. D'Illens.

D°. D°. from Captn. D'Illens to M^r. Wynch.

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D°. Letter from Captn. D'Illens to the Gentlemen of Council at Fort S^t. David.

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D°. Extract of Consultation of 11th Decr. 1756 at Fort S^t. David.

175 Petition of the Merchants, Banyons, Painters, Tenants, Weavers, Dyers, Bricklayers, Lascars, Boatmen, Chuliars, Taylors, Fishermen, Carpenters, Smiths, Brass Smiths, Beaters, Washers, Barbers, Periars, Shoemakers, &c^a. Inhabitants, of Fort S^t. David to M^r. Wynch &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

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D°. Charges against M^r. John Call Ingineer of Fort S^t. David by Capt. D'Illens.

D°. Letter to M^r. Wynch &c^a Council of Fort S^t. David from Captn. D'Illens.

D°. Charges against Istrislopudy Civil & Military Paymaster Braminy by Captn. D'Illens.

D°. Charges against Trevengoddam late Conicoply of the Lascars & Still remains head [Conicobler of artificers and Cooleys by Captn. D'Illens'.

[D°. Charges against Capt. Gardner Commanding Officer of Fort S^t. David by Captn. D'Illens].

[181 Indent for Stationery wanted at Devacotah].

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1756

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[From January to December 1756]

[*Previous letters missing.*]

Grindstone	1	One.
Scarlet	4	Four Pieces.
Blue	1	One Piece.
Emrald Green	1	One Piece.
Midling Yellow	1	One Piece.
Perpetuanoes Red	10	Ten Pieces.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

No. 17.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your favours of the 15th. and 20th. with a supply of twenty thousand (20,000) Pagodas.

We now transmit you two Indents for Civil and Military Stores which we are much in want of particularly the Angelee and Mango Plank and Redwood Piles, the Works being at a stand for the latter, and the former to build three new Massoolahs, being reduced to one which will much distress the squadron if we do not get more ready against their arrival.

Enclosed is copy of a Letter we have receđ from our Military Storekr. in relation to his employ. We concur with him in opinion of the necessity of the Officers keeping a Diary of their Expence of Stores and of a method to make the seapoys more carefull of their Arms, We therefore request your Orders on these Heads, as also whether we shall charge the stores &ca. deliver'd the seapoys to the Nabob's account.

We have now 253 Bales on hand for which we have no other Conveyance but the Dragon sloop who cannot carry above 80 Bales. We therefore request your Honr. &ca. will think of one in time.

Our Warehousekeeper has delivered in the accompanying List of several sorts of Goods remaining in the Import Warehouse, for which there is little or no demand at the place and they have already lain by so long as to be a good deal damaged. We therefore request your Honour &ca. directions in

what manner to dispose of them. The Coloured Broad Cloth, Velvets, Culjeed Flannels and Imbossed Cloth, if you think proper may be sold at Outcry but the stuffs We hear will not go off.

We are with Respect

Fort S^{r}. David
27th. January 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. Hble Servants

Rich^{d}. Starke.
Hugh Morris.
Rich^{d}. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

List of Cloth on Hand.

Embaled	183
At the Beaters	29
At the Washers	35
At the Dyers	6
Bales ...	253

To the Worsh^{ll}. Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^{a}. Council of Fort S^{t}. David.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

Upon the perusal of the Genl. Letter from the Honble the President & Council accompanying the Remarks of the Committee of Accounts, I thought it would not be improper to explain those articles relating to the Storekeeper before the Committee sat here & communicate a few Observations that have occurr'd to me I hope therefore you will excuse my giving you this trouble.

Their 1st. remark is That no Diary has been kept which has prevented their coming at an explanation of the disbursements. A Diary has been regularly kept ever since I have had the employs for proof of which I now lay it before you, and I have directed one to be added to the Accounts immediately altho, I am not order'd to do it till May next when the new method of keeping the Books is to commence, it should have been done before but that I found it was not customary in the present method.

The 2^{d}. is That in the month of June last there is a purchase of 140 p^{s}. of Wax Cloth at 3 Pa^{s}. ℔ Piece amounting to Pa^{s}. 420 which they observe is both in price and quantity very Extraordinary. As to the price it is the same as has been charged for many Years both in Storehouse and Warehouse but to convince you it cannot be deem'd Extravagant I flatter myself you will pardon my adding an exact Account of the Cost of making that parcel of Wax Cloth.

	Ca.	Md.				
140 Ps. took ..	2	— 13	Wax @ 85 ℔ C^{o}.	is Pa^{s}.	225	9 4[0]
70 Ps. Long Cloth			@ 45 ℔ C^{o}.	...	157	21 —
Cooly hire			@ 7 ℔ 40 Ps.	..	24	[21] —
				Pags.	[407	15 40]

however as the Honble the President and Council do not approve of that rate you will please to observe in the month of December I have charged 48 P^{s}.

made up before the order arrived at 2.27 ℔ Ps. the same it is charged at Madrass & I submit it to your Worship &c^{a}. Judgement who know the price Wax has bore all this year at this place, whether I shall not be a loser by it. As to the Quantity's being large it was not sufficient for the supply of Garrison Camp & Trichonopoly so far from it that since June there has been more Expended, the lessening that is not in my Power.

The 3^{d}. is in regard to Vouchers. The Indents for stores are my vouchers & shall always accompany the Accounts to the Committee and I am ready to produce the same for all Accounts already pass'd, but I can give no Account how they are disposed of after I deliver them.

The 4th. is that I had no Advance of Fanams to defray the Charges General in the month of June, this I own was a neglect for which I can plead no other Excuse but that I followed an old practice, but as that is now disapproved, I am ready to account for the difference for those months that I have received no fanams, which the Cash accounts will shew are very few. in future an exact account of the Receits, Issues, and Ballance of fanams shall be added to the foot of the Account Current.

As the Storekeeper's Diary can consist of nothing but the Indents he receives, which can give no light how the Stores are expended, If I might presume to advise the officers who receive them should keep a Diary of their Issues, you will then be able to judge how far necessary the large consumption of stores may be in this Garrison and what may be retrenched with safety.

As the greatest part of the Charges General arise from the great number of Artificers continually employed repairing arms, particularly those of the seapoys who daily bring fifteen or twenty firelooks to be mended, which plainly shews they are very careless of them, it would therefore save a great charge if some method could be fixed upon to make them more carefull either by punishing or making them pay for all that are damaged through Neglect.

As great part of the charges & Expence of stores are by the Seapoys who are all now paid by the Nabob, I should be glad of your directions whether that also should be carried to his account.

There is an European Armourer charged on the Military Storekeeper's Books at five Pag^{s}. ℔ Month who has been disabled at Camp and can be of no further use in that Business, I therefore request he may be put upon the Pension List.

I am with Respect
Worship^{ll}. Sir & Sirs
Your most Obd^{t}. Hble Servt.

Fort St. David
26th. Janry. 1756.

Richd. Fairfield.
Storekr. & Military Storekr.

Fort St. David 20th. Janry. 1756.

Indent of Civil Stores wanting for the use of this Garrison Viz^{t}.

Redwood Piles for secur^{g}. Works ..	300	Three hundred.
Bar Iron	50	Fifty Candy.
Rod Iron	5	Five Candy.
Hoop Iron	2	Two d^{o}.
Tar	10	Ten Barrels.
Moscovy Lights	12	Twelve.
Deep Sea lines	20	Twenty Skains.
Hambro Ditto	20	Twenty Ditto.
Hand Ditto	20	Twenty Ditto.
Leg Ditto	100	One hundred D^{o}.
Hand Bellows	6	Six Pair.
Smiths D^{o}.	2	Two D^{o}.

INDENT OF CIVIL STORES WANTING FOR THE USE OF THIS GARRISON VIZ^{T}.—*cont.*

Steel	1	One Candy.
Anjelee Plank	150	One hundred & fifty.
Mango Plank	300	Three hundred.
Sheathing Plank	200	Two hundred.
Pipe Staves	200	Two hundred.
Rubber Tiles	24	Twenty four.
Rasps	24	Twenty four.
Hand Vices	6	Six.
Sledge Hammers	6	Six.
Hand Ditto	6	Six.
Sea Coal	100	One hundred Bushel.
Two Foot Rulers	12	Twelve.
Hand Saws	6	Six.
Gimblets large	36	Thirty Six.
Grindstones	2	Two.
Brass Wire large	12	Twelve Pound.
Brass locks	6	Six.
Iron Locks	6	Six.
Bengal Oil	4	Four Jarrs.
Bengal Ghee	2	Two D^{o}.
Anchors from 3 to 9 lb. w^{t}.	12	Twelve.
Ditto. 10 to 15	6	Six.
Grapnols ½ to 3	12	Twelve.
Red Bunting	200	Two hundred yards.
Blue D^{o}.	150	One hundred & fifty d^{o}.
White D^{o}.	150	One hundred & fifty d^{o}.
Jail Needles	200	Two hundred.
Bolt rope d^{o}.	100	One hundred.
Europe Canvass N°. 1	10	Bolts.
Sawn Plank of 1 inch	300	Three hundred.
Ditto 2½ ,,	100	One hundred.

RICH^{D}. FAIRFIELD,
Storekr.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID 20TH JAN^{RY}. 1756.

INDENT OF MILITARY STORES WANTING FOR THE USE OF THIS GARRISON VIZ^{T}.

Tann'd Hides Europe	10	Ten.
Lawn	6	Six Pieces.
Hair Seives	5	Five.
Brass Wire Seives	5	Five.
Steel Bitts	50	Fifty.
Priming Wires	50	Fifty.
Powder Horns	24	Twenty four.
Flannel	6	Six pieces.
Chalk	500	Five hundred Pound.
Cartridge Paper Europe	5	Five Rheams.
Ditto Bengal	100	One hundred d^{o}.
Spirits of Wine	20	Twenty Gallons.
Bayonet Pieces	400	Four hundred.
Buccaneer Pieces	300	Three hundred.
Fuzees	50	Fifty.
Carbines	50	Fifty.
Wooden Drums	12	Twelve.
Brass Ditto	8	Eight.
Bulgar Hides	20	Twenty.

RICH^{D}. FAIRFIELD.
My. Storekr.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID 31ST. DEC^{R}. 1755.

List of Goods in the Import warehouse Vizt.

Broad Cloth Fine.								
Black	100	Ys.	..	75	5	—		
Purple	52½		..	51	22	70		
							126	27 70
Broad Cloth Fine Medley	102		..				193	22 64
Broad Cloth Fine Double Colour	100		..				275	— —
Broad Cloth Ordinary Popingay Green	38	Ps.	..				475	— —
Deveretts	346½	Ys.	..				124	23 22
Drisdenetts	163¾		..				71	21 25
Shalloons	300		..				75	— —
Broglios	600		..				320	30 —
Duroys	7½	Ps.	..				29	2 26
Double Allepeans	344½		..				125	12 66
Brownetts	532¼		..				250	21 51
Says	20	Ps	..				161	— —
Velvets	150		..				335	— —
Flannel Culjeed	20		..				100	— —
Embossed Cloth	5		..				108	12 —
						Pagodas	2771	30 4

Hugh Norris,
W.H.Kr.

No. 18.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on your Honr. &ca. by the Fortune Snow by whom I have sent 101 Bales of Cloth as per Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed. You were pleased to order some time since a Bale of the different sorts of Goods made here to be sent you; Beteellas there are none; Fine Long Cloths you excepted against, therefore I cannot find anything that can I think answer the Company's purpose except Percauls a small Bale of which comes herewith. If your Honr. &ca. approve them you may have any quantity made and as Fine as you please. Herewith comes an Indent for sundry stores which you will be pleased to send by the return of the vessel; The Gunpowder is most part of it for Jaggerpet Rauze who will pay for it, and whom Vizaram Rauze has desired me to supply; I would willingly oblige him at this time for many Reasons. The Tar is likewise for sale. Enclosed comes the account of Quick Stock, Annual Report and Muster Roll, Fine scarlet having been sent last Year instead of common Scarlet is the Occasion of our wanting that article for the annual Presents. An early supply of cash would forward the Investment of the ensuing year. The remainder of the cloth shall be sent by the Sloop next month.

I am with the greatest Esteem

Bandermalanka
27th. Janry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. and most Obliged
Hble Servant
John Andrews.

N°. 19.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &cA. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having now made some progress in my Examination into the Accounts and state of this Settlemt. I take leave to lay the same before you. In the course of my report many things will be represented which your Honr. &ca. were before fully acquainted with by the Committee of Accounts, yet, that nothing may be left out which has come to my knowledge wherein I think the Honble Companys Interest is concerned, hope you will excuse the repetition. I shall begin with the Accounts of this settlement from the month of January 1755 for tho the Committee has taken notice no further back than June, before that time many Irregularities and over charges have been made worthy your Honr. &cas. notice.

Mr. Hopkins as Military Storekeeper has himself provided great quantitys of stores such as Cordage, Catridge Boxes, Hammers, Pickers &ca. most of which are sold to the Company at exorbitant prices. I know not better how to explain this than by inserting the price charged, compared with the prime cost, which with a trifling difference are as follows.

	Price Charged.	Prime Cost.	Difference.
Cordage	18 Ps. ℔ Candy.	11 Ps. ℔ Candy.	7 Ps.
Candles	7 Ps. ℔ md.	5 ℔ md.	2
Wax Cloth	3 ℔ Piece.	2⅝ ℔ Piece.	⅜
Cloth	3 D°.	2 D°.	1
Cartridge Boxes	6 fas. Each.	4 fas.	2 fas.
D°. with Brass Swivels.	9 d°.	5	4
Ramrods	1 fas. Each.	20 Ca. ea.	60 Cash.
Pickers	40 Ca. ea.	10	30
Bayonet Belts	2	1	1
D°. Scabbards ..	2	1 40	40
D°. Frogs	1 40	60	60
Tann'd Hydes	Ps. 1	18	18 —
Hammers	1	20	60
Worms	1	20	60
Leather for covering Firelocks.	4	2	2
Arrack	.. Ps. 112 ℔ Leag.	Ps. 65	Ps. 47

Your Honr. &ca. are the Judges how far the above Profit is reasonable in consideration of Mr. Hopkins being sometimes obliged to advance his own money for the purchase, I shall only remark that he broke several old Gun Carriages to Pieces and appropriated the Iron to his own use. The Lascars were employed to make his Cordage till my arrival here and several candies of loose coir, used in package of Stores sent to Camp and in the Garrison service are indifferently with the Cordage charged at 18 Pagodas ℔ Candy.

The foregoing are the material Articles of stores provided by Mr. Hopkins. I shall now give you some accot. in what manner they have been expended, tho' this is the most difficult task I have to perform, for at this settlement have been kept neither Diary of Stores expended, Day Book, or indeed any other Account that should properly furnish me the means of doing it. I hope therefore if I am not so particular as your Honr. &ca. might have expected, I shall stand excused.

The monthly Expences of Candles for this Garrison are two Maunds.

	Md	lb.
For the Chief	1	—
Capt. Spears	—	12½
The Rounds	—	12½
	2 Maunds,	

of which only Mr. Hopkin's are White.

In the month of October are charged 33 Pieces of Wax Cloth to cover the Locks of the Military & sepoys.

Covs.		Covids.
Allowing 2½ to 4 Mility . . .	120 Europeans ...	62½
4 . 8 Sepoys . . .	800 Sepoys ...	400
lost in tearing, allowing	...	47½
	510 Covids at	

30 Covs. ℔ Piece make 17 Ps. Difference in the above charge is 46 Ps. or Pags. 48.

In the month of August are charged 17 Ps. of Wax cloth for packing of Stores. By the best information I can get, only 12½ Ps. were used. Difference in this Account is 4½ Pieces or Pags. 14 18.

The monthly Garrison charge only of Wax Cloth this year has been about 4 Pieces, a small part of which was expended in covering Letters, the rest, as I am informed, for the private use of the Chief, Officers &ca. But as a proof to your Honr. &ca. that Mr. Hopkins has overcharged the Company in the quantity of Wax Cloth, I beg leave to make the following observation. There is no such Head as Purchase of Stores in the Deve Cotah Books till May 1754, from which time is charged to the Company 397 Pieces, and Mr. Hopkins purchased only 310 Ps., therefore the difference in that account plainly appears to be 87 Ps. or Pags. 261.

It has likewise been a custom in this place for the Gentlemen to receive small quantitys of Gunpowder & other articles out of the Company's magazine for their own private use. Tho' the Expence has not yet been very great it may in time grow larger, and then perhaps, what at first was an Indulgence may be look'd upon as a perquisite.

I endeavour'd to get an explanation of those articles specifyed under the Head of Charges Merchandize but was told both by Mr. Hopkins and the Conicoplies that there had been no particular account kept of them. A most surprizing negligence in conicoplies, and what no one could have expected to find among a people known to be so carefull in keeping their Vouchers and Accounts by them. But that mistery was afterwards unravell'd when the Company's Conicoply before Mr. Hopkins declared they had been order'd by him to burn their Accounts and desired his Writer might be called as a Witness of it, who the next day, before Mr. Brickenden own'd he did hear Mr. Hopkins order the conicoply Narrain, to destroy any Accounts that might discover the overcharges that had been made, or Words to that purpose.

The above being the most material charges made by Mr. Hopkins, as Military Storekeeper, I now come to those under the Head of Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn. In the month of April is charged 12 days hire to 244 Coolys carrying Stores to Camp Ps. 244. By the Conicoply's Account who went with the Stores there was only 10 days Batta paid to those coolys amounting to Pas. 131–19–20 the difference in that article is Ps. 112–16–60.

The Batta to Seapoys, that escorted those Stores to Camp is charged Ps. 33–22, the same conicoply gives an account of only Ps. 22, the difference is Ps. 11–22.

In the month of June is charged 6 Days Batta to 1 Subidar, 2 Jemmidars, 4 Havildars, & 89 Sepoys escorting Coll. Heron to Fort St. David amounting

to Ps. 53–36. The Subidar gives me an account of only 1 Subidar, 1 Jemmidar, 5 Havildars, and Naikes, and 53 Sepoys, which amount to Ps. 28–6. The difference is Ps. 24–30–36.

In the month of August is charged 9 days hire to 315 Coolys carrying Stores to Camp amounting ꝏ Ps. 236–9. The Conicoply that went with them gives an account of only 8 days hire to 185 Coolys amounting to Ps. 123–12, the difference in that Account is Pas. 112–33.

The Batta to Seapoys that escorted those stores to camp is charged 18 days Batta to 6 Havildars & Naickes & 30 Seapoys amounting to Ps. 52–9. The Subidar gives an account of only 15 days Batta to 4 Havildars and 20 Seapoys amounting to Ps. 27–6, the difference is Ps. 25–3.

There are 4 Peon's Wages and Batta charged to the Nabob Ps. 6–24. Those Peons are also charged to the Company on the Peon Roll.

The above I took leave to mention to your Honr. &ca. as a few Instances of Overcharge may have been made at this Settlement. In its proper place I shall sum up the whole amount; for the truth of which I have very good authority.

I now come to the Head of Charges Extraordinary In which I shall mention this Instance.

In the month of May is charged Ps. 112–8 twenty days Batta to 1 Subidar, 2 Jemmedars, 15 Havildars & 45 Seapoys, going with Mr. Hopkins into the country. Is it not most Extraordinary that he should enter such a charge on the Books when there did not alltogether go with him 10 sepoys ? and here I think it may not be improper to acquaint your Honr. &ca. that in February last Comrapah, the Company's Conicoply, went to Combiconum Feast, and took to attend him 2 Subidars, 4 Jemmidars, 8 Havildars, 4 Colour Men, 5 Trumpets, and Tom Toms, and 114 Sepoys, Had he been permitted to take ten or a dozen sepoys to go with him, it would have been no great matter; But such a number I think is prostituting the service and doing him an honour that little became him. Mr. Hopkins says he knew nothing of it. Camrapah has Farm'd or let a great deal of money out on Mortgage of the Countrys, and I assure your Honr. &ca. the Sepoys have been often employ'd by him to manage his private business there, not much to the credit of the Honble Company.

I now come to the Head of Charges General in which are the following Overcharges.

Two Cattamarans for carrying Notes to Vessels Ps. 6.30 the Cattamaran fellows ran away in May & have reced. no Wages till December which is 9 Months amounting to Ps. 61–18, I think 1 Cattamaran in constant pay will be, sufficient.

Country Musick Ps. 2–24 which are 2 Peons charged in the Peon Roll.

Wages to 2 Tom Tom fellows & 2 Crooked Horn fellows Ps. 2–24 charged also in the Peon Roll.

Under this Head and Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn are charged Ps. 5–18 for the hire of one Boat & 2 Cattamarans which amount to Yearly Ps. 66. Those Boats & Cattamarans may be made for Ps. 45 which turns out cheaper than hiring them. It is necessary a Boat should be at the Fort River, where there is now only a Cattamaran; The difference in Expence is but a Trifle.

Under the Head of Charges Garrison I take leave to remark that there have been great abuses in the payment of seapoys. Almost all Capt. Spear's Servants were upon the Rolls, with Mr. Hopkins's Baker, Iron Man and Washerman. The last of which I think is very Extraordinary, for under the Head of Peon's and Servant's Wages is charged 1 Washerman 1 Pagoda.

On the Lascar's Roll, including Pentioners are 63 Persons; If your Honr. &ca. have occasion for Lascars at Madrass 20 might be spar'd from the service of this Garrison.

Fs. Ca.

The Oil is charged at 1–60 ℔ Seer; At the dearest time it does not cost above one fanam ℔ Seer.

Under the Head of Fortifications & Repairs I have to remark to your Honr. &ca. notice that the Company this year were put to the expence of above Ps. 150 for new Bricks when at the same time many Lacks of Old lay neglected like Rubbish about the Fort. As to the number of Bricklayers and Coolys employed, it is impossible for me to Judge of the over charge, for no particular Account can be produced.

I now come to Peon's and Servants Wages. In regard to which I take leave to acquaint you that on any arrival here Kistna, the Chief Peon took in 9 new ones to make the real number equal to the Compliment charged. I have by dismissing those & some others reduced that Expence Ps. 39 monthly. I hope your Honr. will Excuse the mistake I made in saying 20 were sufficient for the service of this Settlemt. I meant 20 for the service of the Fort, besides the mettoe Peons.

I shall now say something regarding that material Head Batta, On which I must make this General remark that Mr. Hopkins has disbursed no sum of money on the Company's Account where Batta could be got, but he has done it. It is extraordinary that he should erect a Head of Batta on Rupees, where the loss was only imaginary, and not do it on fanams, by which there has been a difference to the Company of some thousands of Pagodas, and notwithstanding it was at first so plainly pointed out to him from the Presidency, he has never received but one advance of fanams, which was Ps. 500—worth from Fort St. David in April 1754, and again tho' he has erected a Head of Batta for the difference of the Deve Cotah Exchange of Rupees from the Company's price yet, in Expence, some months he has charged them at the latter.

I shall now without troubling your Honr. &ca. with more calculations close with this general one, That Mr. Hopkins has got from the 1st. Janry. to 31st. Octor. 1755 by the best information I can procure,

On the purchase of Stores ... ... Pags.	1150	0	0
On the overcharges of Sepoys, Bullock & Cooly hire, Batta to Sepoys & Coolys, Batta on Fanams, &ca.	2350	0	0
Pagodas ...	3500	0	0

In the year 1754 the accounts have been kept in the same manner, with this difference only, That, as the charge of Stores Batta and Cooly hire were then more than this year, the Company were then more defrauded.

.Having finished the remarks I have been able to make on the Irregularities & Overcharges in the Accounts of this Settlement. I shall acquaint your Honr. &ca. with some other Affairs I think as material and worthy your notice; tho' it is with concern that I am therein obliged to speak of some Actions done by Mr. Hopkins much to his discredit.

Here is a Man named Latchmiah Reddee who after the loss of Madrass came to our assistance with 300 Peons went with Col. Lawrence to the taking Deve Cotah and was left there by him. Mr. Hopkins has turn'd this man out of the service on the Complaint of a single Person, that he had done something amiss in the country. It is true a Chief ought to be the best Judge and have power to promote or disgrace those under him nor should I have taken this notice of it, if he had not put his Servant into that Post. I think if this man had done amiss he should have endeavoured to find a better and not put in his servant, a Boy. Besides the Chief Peon has a good deal of authority in the Bounds and if the same Person is Dubbash, What Oppressions has he not in his Power to be Guilty of? Mr. Hopkins indeed acknowledges he did not know the Merit of the old Peon, that he had served the Company so many

years. As I had before a knowledge of him & hear he stills [*sic*] bear a good character, I have put him to act as Chief Peon till I receive your Orders; I Beg leave to recommend him to your Hon^r. &c^a. Favour.

Some time ago M^r. Hopkins was order'd to assist the Phousdar of Pollam Cotah which he did. But he overcharged him or suffer'd his servants to do it, as far as 100 Pagodas in Batta to the Sepoys. It's true the sum is no great matter for the Phousdar to lose or M^r. Hopkins to gain but this ill consequence may arise, What opinion must he have of the English? When a Man, Chief of one of their Settlements shall make him such an Overcharge. It is in some measure sacrificing the Publick Credit to private Interest.

On my arrival here a complaint was made to me by the Inhabitants that they were not permitted to bring any Goods into Deve Cotah to sell, but that all were engross'd by Mootiah, M^r. Hopkins's Dubash, That the Tom Tom about twelve months ago had beat forbidding any Person to bring in Beetle, Beetle Nut, Tobacco, Sugar, Tamerin and some other Goods, but must buy them of M^r. Hopkins. This upon Enquiry, by confirmed to me by all the Mettoe Peons and many of the Inhabitants, and I have instances to produce some of those Googs being seiz'd & confiscated; M^r. Hopkins says he knew nothing of the Matter. Strange that such a remarkable Transaction should pass without his knowledge! Mootiah lays the blame on his master, and says that what was bought or sold was by his Order and he got the Profit. I shall instance in this one Article. Mootiah bought, that is, obliged Coopah Chitty, to sell him Beetle Nut at P^s. 5½ ℔ Ominum and he sold the same Beetle Nut to the Buzar people for P^s. 10 ℔ Ominum. Who got the Profit? So far it may be said, the Buying price is not a standard for the selling Price, but in this case I think that Argument out of the question, for why should not the Buzar people as well buy of Coopah Chitty at P^s. 5½ as of Mootiah at Pagodas Ten?

Here used to be kept about 19 Garce of Paddy for the use of the Garrison; In the Account Remains for April 1752 is 800 Pa^s. worth of Grain. As the Company are out of their money for the Purchase of this Grain, it is reasonable if any profit arises they should have it; This Year a Profit of 105 Pag^s. was got, which M^r. Hopkins took to himself. On my arrival there was not one Grain of Paddy in the Magazine.

It has been the Custom here for the Company's Conicoply to have so much influence as to turn out & to make Sepoy Officers at his pleasure. I hear it is the method at Trichenopoly and some other Garrisons for the sepoys to hold Courts Martial for the punishment of their Officers or sepoys, to be approv'd of by the Cmomanding Officer. I beg leave to recomemnd the same practice here. This might in some Measure prevent that discouraging method of taking Entrance money for the promoting Sepoys to a higher rank, which has been so notoriously practiced at this Place.

The Sepoys in September were cloathed by Capt. Spear and I think makes them look extremely well, besides it is an advantage by vending so much of the Company's Broad Cloth and Perpetuanoes; but this too requires your Hon^r. &c^a. notice to regulate. For the price at first fix'd on the cloathing which consisted of nothing else than a short Jacket was six Rupees both Broad Cloth and Perpetuanoes, but after my arrival was lower'd to Rupees 5½ the Broad Cloth & Rupees 3½ the Perpetuanoes.

Notwithstanding M^r. Hopkins was in October last positively forbid to fill up any Vacancys in the sepoys, several have since been taken in. I have by dismissing some of those and many others who were only servants in the Garrison reduced that Expence AR^s. 643 monthly.

Comrapah and Mootiah have both used great Oppressions towards the Inhabitants, even so far as to place sepoy centries over them. I shall not here give a detail of the particular Facts, but wait till I have the Honour of paying my respects to you in Madrass; I have confined them and hope your Hon^r.

&c^{a}. will believe I should not have taken this step without good reason for so doing.

We find greatly the Inconvenience of having different measures in the Bounds, for the same which are used at Nelloor, are not used at Coilady & those again not at the Fort. If your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. would please to order the measures to be regulated here as they are at Madrass, it would prove of benefit to the place.

M^{r}. Hopkins seem'd in some of his Letters very strongly to recommend the having an investment at this place. Tho' the Cloth might cost something less in Cooly hire bringing here, than to carry it to Fort S^{t}. David, yet I think it would not answer the Expence of Building Warehouses, Beating Godowns, Washing Godowns and charge of Conicoplys. In case of any disturbances happening in this part of the country, the cloth may be carried to Deve Cotah as a Magazine till a proper Conveyance can be got to Transport it to S^{t}. David or the Presidency.

The Fortifications of this place are greatly out of repair. The Lascars who before were Idle or at least little employed in the Company's Business now assist in mending the inside of the Rampart. We have dug round most parts of the Fort and Find the old Foundation of the retaining Wall is still remaining, and vast quantitys of Bricks laying about the Fort sufficient to build up above half the Wall. I have in this been obliged to employ a few Bricklayers, but as Experience is the most Infallable method to know the cost of Building, I hope your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will not take amiss my having laid out a few Pagodas in Experiment. In which I have rebuilt in Brick and Mud $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards in height, 134 Yards in length and $2\frac{3}{4}$ yards in thickness, which has cost in Bricklayers Work, and Drams to the Lascars once a Week P^{s}. 21.20 I hope to be able before I leave the place to make a Calculate of how much the Expence will amount, to carry the Work round the Fort. Some money laid out in repairing the place would not be ill bestowed, the chief Advantage of this settlement being its situation. A Key to the Tanjore country and Trichenopoly? Which, were an Enemy in possession of, would prove of great diservice to us and if the French had this place as well as Chellumbrum, we should find it a difficult matter to supply our armies to the Southward.

The Extent of these Bounds are about 29 miles round; most of which is good ground & capable of producing a large quantity of Grain, and as Fine Paddy grows here as any where on the Coast. But then it lies at present under some Inconveniences. First being so liable to be overflown by the Freshes from the country, to prevent which 'its necessary to raise a Bank high enough to keep the Water back. Secondly, in the dry season for Want of a supply of Water quantitys of Grain are parch'd up and near half the Bounds lie uncultivated, to remedy this defect Channels should be cut from the Colleroon & other rivers to supply the Bounds with Water, But as this must be attended with Expence it will hardly be done whilst the Farm is let out for one Year, for it would take near that time to do it, and the succeeding Person would reap the Fruits of the Labour.

I have now given your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. the best information of the state of this Settlement, I could procure during my six Week's residence here. Whatever mistakes I may have made in my representation thereof, hope you will look upon, entirely as such & not proceeding from an ill intention, for I assure you I have taken some pains to get at the Truth; In which if I should have so far succeeded as to gain your Approbation I shall think myself well rewarded for my Labour.

I am with the greatest Respect

DEVE COTAH
31st. JAN^{RY}. 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obd^{t}. & most hble Servt.
JOHN SMITH.

N°. 20.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last address under the 2d. Ulto. was forwarded by way of Tellicherry and gave cover to three Europe Packets we received by the Edgecote and Houghton. We have two others, but as they are from the Secret Committee & We expect a Sea Conveyance, will shortly offer, we defer sending them by this Pattamar.

On the 30th. Ulto. we were favour'd with your Honr. &ca. Letter of the 23d. Novr. and hope by this time, the Doddington is arrived with you.

We with great pleasure observe the prospect your Honr. &ca. have in assisting the Tonnage from Bengal which with the ship we have desired may be sent round to Tellicherry, the President & Council advise us, will enable them to return home all those on your side India, We are now preparing to dispatch the Pelham Captn. George Lindsay to be fill'd up on the Malabar Coast & imagine she will sail hence by the 20th. Instant.

We are obliged to your Honr. &ca. for advising us of the London & Anson's safe arrival at Culpee, and request you will forward the accompanying Packet to the President & Council at Fort William by the first Conveyance as it contains 2d. Bills of Exchange for a Remittance. We lately made them & your Honr. &ca. may depend on our Embracing the first Opportunity to reimburse you for the silver consign'd the Supra Cargoes of the Warren at Canton.

Lieutt. Hugh Mc.Kie & Ensign David Black have requested us to pay them as Quarter Master & Adjutant to Capt. Forbes's Detachment till their arrival here, but as we observe your Honr. &ca. advanced them nothing on Account their passage for acting in those Capacities, and imagine you design'd their commissions should stand in Force, during their continuance on your Coast only, We shall not comply with their requests unless your Honr. &ca. judge them entitled thereto, but Capt. Alexr. Zeigler having represented that notwithstanding your advices of the 9th. October, himself and two voluntiers, were depriv'd of an Opportunity of applying to your Honr. &ca. for two month's Batta on account their passage which was allow'd all Our other Officers. We have paid them seven hundred & twenty (720) Rupees and debited your Presidency for it.

We are

Bombay Castle

4th. Janry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obdt. Servants

Rd. Bourchier.

Cha. Crommelin.

W. Sedgwicke.

H. Symmons.

T. Byfeld.

Wm. Hornby.

J. Spencer.

N°. 21.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Madrass.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is dispatched Express to give cover to the inclosed Packet from Bombay reced. last night by a Pattamar Boat. Our Honble Master's Ship Stretham is now under dispatch for Mangalore where she will take in some rice, and then proceed to Bombay from whence we hear she is to be dispatched this season for England with a Loading of Pepper &cn. lying there as well the Pelham from hence immediately on her arrival, which we believe will be shortly, as she was to leave Bombay about the 20th. Instant.

We are

Tellicherry — Honble Sir & Sirs

16th. Janry. 1756. — Your most Obdt. Hble Servts.

Thos. Hodges &ca. Factors.

N°. 22.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Boneta Sloop Capt. Chawarth We have transmitted to your Honrs. by way of Bengal sundry Letters and Papers under date 7th. Inst. since which time nothing has Occurr'd here worth notice, except that we have reced. advices ℔ the London Sloop Capt. Karr from Syrian dated 11th. Instant, that the Honble Company's Snow Arcot is by force detained by the Uppa Rajah who has put on board her upwards of seventy Peguers, however Capt. Jackson has found means unknown to them to forward to us sundry Stores with sixteen thousand Rupees and copper cash which we have reced.

The Cuddalore Sloop Capt. Baker we intend to forward to you with all the Expedition our Health and Circumstances will permit, which we hope will be in the beginning or middle of January at furthest.

I am

Negrais — Honble Sir & Sirs

23d. Decr. 1755. — Your fost Obdt. Hble Servant

Henry Brooke.

N°. 23.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the ship Denham Capt. Meard we have addressed you under date 23d. Ulto. by the way of Bengal advising you of the detention of the Honble Company's Snow Arcot Capt. Jackson at Syrian by the Peguers, who by force have put men upon her, but since then we have received no Advices or Country Intelligence of any kind how matters have proceeded there.

The Copper Cash which we have recēd. ℔ the Arcot Snow on Freight on the London Sloop Capt. Karr has fallen considerably short of the Invoice which we have recēd. from you being only seventy four thousand seven hundred and forty cash, which ought to have been one hundred forty four thousand, but from whence this Error of sixty nine thousand two hundred & fifty six proceeds We cannot determine, but beg leave to refer that Enquiry to your Honours.

Mr. John Agey Adjutant having been wilfully Guilty of a Breach in his Military duty, has obliged us to hold a Court of enquiry upon him, in consequence of which we now send him to you under Confinement together with the Proceedings of the Court for your perusal and full satisfaction, and John Drury centinel being also Guilty of the like, We now transmit him to you under the same Circumstances.

Mr. John Whitehill having enjoy'd very indifferent state of Health, since his Residing on this Island has desir'd Permission to return to Fort St. George which was accordingly complied with, and he now takes his passage on the Sloop Cuddalore for that place for the recovery of his Health, if it will permit he purposes to return to this Establishment.

Our last Year's Indents to Bengal for Rice, Doll, Ghee &c^{a}. Stores & Provisions for the support & maintenance of the Honble Company's Servants, Artificers & Labourers upon this Establishment being those only calculated for twelve Month's Subsistence which time is expired since the 30th. October last makes us with great reason apprehend unless we are speedily releived we shall be drove to such short Allowances as will not be very satisfactory, especially as the Prince George's complement of men is a very heavy burthen upon us, together with a great number of Refugee Burmahs and Peguers, who have fled hither for Protection with their Wifes and Families having no other existance but from our Stores, makes our monthly consumption very great. We therefore humbly beg leave thus simply to represent our circumstances that you may take it into your consideration to forward advices to Bengal for our speedy Relief, on which we entirely rely, This Country in its present distracted state producing nothing for the support of Nature.

We purposed to have dispatched the Sloop Cuddalore to you in the beginning of this Month, but thro' my extreme ill state of Health, We were not able to forward her to you sooner, being but just recovering Strength from the fourth Attack of a Fever which has swept off many of our Europeans & as this weakness of constitution deprives me of the means of executing my Duty with that Assiduity which this station requires makes me very desirous you will be Graciously pleased to grant me permission to return to the Coast by the first Conveyance from hence, as the only prospect I have of saving my Life, is by flying from the Obnoxious air of this Island.

If you will think proper to send the Cuddalore to us with Expedition & load on her some Bags of Salt which are much wanted here, We have a Loading of Teak & Timbers ready for her to take in, which are now receiving damage by lying on the Beach, and she may return to your place in April.

Inclosed we send you the Cash Account with occurrences & Transactions with sundry Papers &c^{a}. as ℔ List of the Packet, to which we beg leave to refer you.

We now forward to you sundry Bills of Exch^{a}. Viz^{t}. one in favour of Capt. Maskelyne for the Arrears of the Offreckonings due to the Military of this place from May 1753 to Octo^{r}. 1755 being thirty months & amounting to A. R^{s}. 2989–3–7 and also a second in favour of Captn. Brohier for Arrears of offreckonings due to the Train of Artillery for the same time amounting to A. R^{s}. 1070–11–4, a third in favour of Capt. George Baker for A. R^{s}. 2000

and a fourth in favour of Messrs. Du Pre' & Alexander for A. Rs. 4000, all which Bills we hope you will be pleased to Honour having recd. value here in Cash on Acco^{t}. and use of the Honble Company.

Mr. William Anderson Surgeon having had many severe fits of sickness since on this Expedition, has requested me to address Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. in his behalf for permission to return to the Coast, I have also address'd you under date the 7th. Decr. on the same account on behalf of Ensign John Dyer which request for his reurn to Fort S^{t}. George he desires I would renew by this Conveyance, & as he has since the confinem^{t}. of Mr. John Agey performed the Duty of an acting Adjutant by exercising & well disciplining the Soldiers I have granted him from the date hereof, the usual allowances in such cases, untill your pleasure is further known & which I hope you will please to comply with.

Mr. John Whitehill who now returns to your place being very well acquainted with all particular circumstances relating to this Island and Capt. George Baker with the Customs, Manners, and Genius both of the Peguers & Burmahs together with the Produce, situation & Trafick of the Country, having resided a long time at Persaim Factory, We beg leave to refer you to these Gentlemen for all further Enquirys which you may please to make regarding this Establishment for your further knowledge and satisfaction.

I am

NEGRAIS — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

26TH. JANRY. 1756. — Your most Obed^{t}. & most Hble. Servt.

HENRY BROOKE.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT S^{T}. GEORGE ℔ SLOOP CUDDALORE VIZ^{T}.

No. 1 Genl. Letter to the Honble the President & Council dated 26th. Janry. 1756.

2 Dup^{l}. Ditto ℔ Ship Denham dated 23^{d}. Decr. 1755.

3 Whole Set of Occurrs. for the year 1755.

4 Broken Do. from 1st. Janry. 1756 to 26th. Janry. 1756.

5 Do. Do. Cash Accots. Commencing 1st. Janry. Ending 30th. April } 1754.

6 Whole Do. Do. Commencing 1st. May 1754 Ending 30th. April 1755.

7 Broken Do. Do. Commencing 1st. May Ending 30th. Novr. } 1755.

8 Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. of Cash from 31st. Octo^{r}. to 31st. Decr. 1755.

9 Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held on Adjutant John Agey Dated 1st. Septr. 1755.

10 Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held on John Drury & Benj: Hugget Centinels dated 19th. Novr. 1755.

11 Invoice of Teak Timbers ℔ Cuddalore.

12 First Bill of Loading.

13 Indent for Medecines.

14 Return of the Military and Train.

No. 24.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have recieved your favour of the 3d.

The Dragon Sloop shall be dispatched with as many Bales as she can carry as soon as possible & should any other Conveyance offer we shall not fail to Embrace it. Tho Annual Papers shall be forwarded in two or three days at furthest.

Agreable to your Order the Deputy Govr. has made good the Ballance of the Honble Company's Cash.

Our Cash being reduced to Ps. 9013–23–28 We must request a supply of twenty thousand (20000) Pags. and fifty thousand (50000) Rupees.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David
6th. February 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Hble Servts.
Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

No. 25.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have to reply to your Favours of 23d. Novr. & 18th. Ulto.

Agreable to your Honr. &ca. directions we have credited account current Fort St. George for the amount of the sum deposited in the Company's Cash Chest here by Order of the Mayor's Court.

The Bengal Packets were directly forwarded, according to your Commands on receiving them.

Since it does not suit the allowing an augmentation of pay to our sepoys & Common Peons, We shall not presume to enforce that matter any further.

Our Bales shall wait on your Honr. &ca. as soon as possible and hope the quality of them as well as quantity will give content as it ever will be our highest ambition to merit your Approbation of our conduct.

Your Honr. &ca. will be pleas'd to favour us with a good & early supply of money both in Rupees & Madrass Pagodas for our next Investment.

The Monthly Papers of this Settlement are now transmitted as ☞ List of the Packet & We are with the greatest Respect

Vizagapatam
13th. Janry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble Servants
Chas. Boddam.
J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best.

A List of the Packet Per Peons.

No°. 1 General Letter.
2 Cash Account for December.
3 Diarys & Consultations Do.
4 Return of the Garrison.
5 Paymrs. Accounts for November.
6 Increase & Decrease Do.
7 List of the Packet.

No°. 26.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is purposely to advise the arrival of the Arcot Snow here yesterday, and Capt. Jackson judging it unsafe for his vessel to ride in the Road in her present condition, address'd Mr. Boddam for leave to bring her into the River, A copy of this letter is herewith inclosed.

Your Honr. &ca. favour of the 30th. Ulto. came to hand last night & we are extremely thankful to you for the supply of Cash accompanying it, but wish it had been convenient to have forwarded a larger sum as we are in great need of money both of Rupees and Madrass Pagodas.

We are now expediting the dispatch of our Bales with the utmost diligence and Labour, and hope they will be with you in good time.

We are very Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble. Servants
Chas. Boddam.
J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best.

Vizagapatam
24th. Janry. 1756.

To Charles Boddam Esqr.
Chief of Vizagapatam.

Sir

As the Honble Company's Snow Arcot is not in a condition to lie in the Road I desire you will please to let her come into the River for the safety of her. I am

Sir
Your most obdt. Hble. Servant
Robert Jackson

Snow Arcot in Vizagapatam Road
23d. January 1756.

No°. 27.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Brigantine Alla Dowlat & Sloop Chance are arrived, the Stores are landed from the former and turn out agreable to Invoice.

We now forward you our Annual Address with the usual Books and Papers except the Quick Stock which shall follow in a day or two.

The Dragon Sloop sails to-morrow with the Bales.

Our Consultations & Monthly Accounts for December now wait on you as also the Report of the Committee of Accounts.

As we shall shortly be in want of Rupees we have taken the liberty to grant the Deputy Govr. a set of Bills of Exchs. on your Honr. &cs. for Eighteen thousand two hundred (18200) Arcot Rupees payable at five days sight for the same sum paid into cash here.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David — Honble Sir & Sirs

9th Febry. 1756. — Your most Obdt. Hble Servants

Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

To the Worshipfull Richd. Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &cs. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

Agreable to the direction of the President and Council, we now lay before you our Report of the Accounts of this Settlement for the month of December but as this is only the first meeting the Committee have had it cannot be expected every particular should be pointed out that may merit your attention, that must be a Work of time, in the mean while we present you with our General Observations.

Cash Account.

As we do not fully comprehend the President & Council's Intentions in regard to the difference of Rupees & Pagodas and the keeping a seperate Account for each therefore think it necessary to request the favour of a further Explanation.

Export Warehouse.

The Wax Cloth in this Account is charged at Pas. 3 ℔ Piece which we think ought to be reduced to the Madrass Price of Pas. 2·27 or Indented for thither.

Storekeeper & Military Storekeeper.

The Diarys being annexed to the Journal Parcels of each of these Accounts, and the Vouchers of the letter produced and compared with that Account are found right.

We observe that the present method of drawing the Allowances to the Train and Military Picquets for working in the Elaboratory is by their respective Officers monthly, but think it would be a better method for the Storekeeper's Conicoply to take a daily Account of the people employed in that service & pay them accordingly.

The Artificers under the Head of Charges General are to a considerable Amount which we would recommend to be retrenched if possible.

Wax Cloth and several other Articles in this Months Account are reduced to the Madrass Prices & in order to adjust the rest it would be proper to apply for a List of Prices from thence.

PAYMASTER.

All Disbursements in fanams to be particularly specify'd in an inner column.

CHARGES GARRISON.

Expences of Oil, Water &c^{a}. to be enquired into & to be reduced if possible, under this Head we observe also there are charged several Artificers, as Head Bricklayers, Carpenters &c^{a}. which would be more properly brought to Account under the Head Charges General.

CHARGES HOSPITAL.

The Salary and Allowances to the Surgeons & their Assistants are charged under several different Heads in the Paymaster's Accounts which we judge to be a bad, method & that the whole would be properly collected under this article as well as all other Disbursements relating to the Hospital, Diet money to the Surgeons Excepted.

Messrs. Wilson, Keir and Hinchley being employed at other places, whether they should not be struck off our Books.

PEON'S AND SERVANT'S WAGES.

We are of opinion that the number of Peons may admit of a deduction but at the same time observe that under that Denomination are included the Tappys and Country Musick.

CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY.

Under this Head is a considerable charge for Intelligence of the necessity of which Expence the Deputy Govr. as one of the Secret Committee being the most competent Judge, we think it proper he should draw for the same monthly and then his note will be a voucher to the Paymaster for disbursing it.

Pension to Austapa Chitty &c^{a}. amounting to Pa^{s}. 11–13, their Allowances are of a long standing, whether they are to be continued is referr'd to the Board.

FORTIFICATIONS & REPAIRS.

The Engineer, his Writers, Conicoplys &c^{a}. like wise the Master Bricklayer to the amount of P^{s}. 102–33–40 are all charged under these Heads, the propriety of this method we refer to your Worship &c^{a}.

No material Repairs ought to be undertaken till a report be made to the Board for their Appropriation, which may possibly be a means of retrenching that article.

MILITARY PAYMASTER

NABOB MAHOMED ALLY CAWN.

Seven & twenty Bullocks being charged as fed in Camp to be struck off.

Pa^{s}. 13–9 charged for Pensioners doing Duty without either the Allowance to each, or number of Persons being Specifyed.

SEA & LAND CUSTOMER OF CUDDALORE & TEVENAPATAM.

What part of the receits & disbursements in these accounts are in Gold & what in fanams & Cash are particularly specifyed agreable to Order.

To conclude we remark that the several different employs have had a more than necessary advance in fanams this month. We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
25TH. JAN^{RY}. 1756.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obd^{t}. Hble Servants
RICH^{D} STARKE.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROB^{T}. SLOPER.

N°. 28.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &cA. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Conformable to the Annual practice We beg leave to address you under the usual Heads.

First of Investment.

We were in great hopes that the tranquility that has in a great measure reign'd in the Country all last Year, would have afforded us the pleasure of acquainting you that our earnest Endeavours to reestablish this important Branch had been attended with some success, but we are under the painfull necessity of once more troubling you with a repetition of our disappointments, both as to Encreasing the number of Bales & improving the Manufacture, the Merchants having been worse in every respect this Year than the preceeding.

Agreable to your directions we began the Investmt. with calling all the Merchants before us the 21st. April & gave them a very severe reprimand for their past conduct with an assurance of being treated with the utmost rigour if they did not behave better in future which they all promis'd faithfully to do, but with how little sincerity their conduct soon made too Evident, for on the 6th. May Nagore Kistnah and Ramiah acquainted us they could not contract for any more Salem Cloth without we would advance the price three Pagodas ℔ Corge which being refused they paid in their Ballance and could never since be prevailed on to intermeddle with the Investment. The 19th. May Irshippa Chitty and Paupa Rauze produced Musters of the Sortments they intended to provide, which being examined & found excessively bad, was rejected, when they likewise refused to contract for better without an increase of three Pagodas ℔ Corge, all this convinced us there was a Combination formed amongst them to reduce us to their own Terms, of which we Acquainted you in our Letter of the 29th. May upon which your Honr. &ca. thought proper to introduce Nella Chitty into the Investment, this had so far a good Effect on them that they appear'd before the 30th. June & agreed to contract at the usual prices and even gave in a List of the Quantity of each Sortment they would provide for the January dispatch amounting to 900 Bales, 200 of which were to be ready by September, this encouraged us to advance them five thousand Pagodas each. Nella Chitty arrived here the 21st. July and promised to be very active in bringing in cloth, but so far were any of them from keeping their promises, that by the middle of September the whole quantity brought in by all amounted but to seventeen Bales and that so very bad that the Gentlemen Sorters declared they were afraid to take it in, upon which the Board met at the Godown & finding it to be true we advised your Honr. &ca. of it, as likewise with the Merchants reasons (which were that it was the best the Country afforded, and that other European Nations particularly the French took in much worse and at a higher price) and requested your positive orders how to conduct ourselves, Your reply was that our small progress was occasioned by the Quantity of Cloth rejected, & that perhaps we sorted too strictly, if so we must relax a little as the times must be complied with to prevent the Investment being transferr'd to the French, These directions we have paid all the regard to that prudence would admit of, notwithstanding which it will appear by our sorting Book that frequently half, and sometimes two thirds have been turn'd out, by which means the number of Bales is reduced to 250 and we are very sorry to observe of that little, that as in general so bad (particularly the Worriarpollam and Salempores midling) that no other consideration but that of being wholly useless in the Investment could induce us to tolerate it. We can assert with great Truth that our Attention to this Branch of our Honble Master's Affairs

has been adequate to its importance tho' the success is by no means answerable. We have not been wanting in the most pressing and earnest exhortations to our merchants to endeavour at amending the manufacture, and were in hopes that the quantity turn'd out, would have induced them to pay some regard to our Remonstrances, but all these methods have been attended with no sort of Effect, they still persist to supply us with the same & we can now think of no other step but that of wholly rejecting it, which seems to be the only remedy that is left, and this we fear we must have recourse to, unless your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. can point out to us a more salutary method of putting a stop to this growing Evil. Some of our Bales will wait on you by the Dragon Sloop which we beg the favour you will Inspect into and give us your sentiments thereon.

Persheram Pillah's Conduct having been for a long time very Suspicious, in June last a trusty Person was sent to Salem to enquire how his Affairs stood there, who Acquainted us he had about 400 Pieces of Cloth ready but could not find he had any at the Weavers, or even the least Credit amongst them; Upon this we put him under a Guard as we informed you in our Letter of the 30th. June in which state he still remains not having been able to procure any Security. The beforementioned 400 Pieces is all we have reced. from him this Year and we are much afraid it is all we shall ever see of his Ballance.

The new Salem Merchant Bowania not having been advanced till the 26th. November did not bring in his first parcel of Cloth till three or four days ago when it was too late to insert it in the Accounts that now wait on you, the Quantity is 520 Pieces and turns out very tolerable, he promises another parcel in a few Days.

Govindah Chitty has brought in but 16 Corge of Salempores, having always pleaded when called upon that great part of the Ballance was in the Hands of his Partner Tonneveroy Pillah who has been all this Year at Madrass settling Accounts with Andiapah Moodelair.

Our Merchants Accounts and List of the Investment wait on you in this Packet, by them you will observe the several Ballances outstanding amount to Pa^{s}. 54571–29–7 of which 13073–18–14 lays with Irshippa Chitty, and Paupa Rauze, 5000 with Bowania 9947–14–14, with Nella Chitty 3914–4–22, with Persheram Pillah, Govinda Chitty & Tonneveroy Pillah remain pretty much as last year, as does Andiapah Moodelair.

Secondly of Customs & Revenues.

By the Abstracts of the Customs Collected at this Settlement for the last Year compared with the former which wait on you in this Packet, your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will be informed of the Increase & decrease of them the several reasons assigned for the same are annexed thereto.

All the Farms have been duly Collected, a List of which now waits on you.

Thirdly of Debts.

In this Packet we transmit you a List of Debts outstanding in last Books.

Fourthly of Expences.

A Calculate of them comes in this Packet and we have only to observe that in general they are decreased considerably altho' they appear encreased by the large sum paid his Majesty's Forces.

Fifthly of Buildings & Repairs.

M^{r}. John Call who has continued the direction of this Business has been constantly employed in forwarding the new Works which we flatter ourselves will appear to be greatly forwarded considering it was the beginning of April before it was possible to proceed with the Fortifications, for the Repairs at

the Garden House for accommodating His Majesty's Regiment and the quantity of Carriages making for the Royal Artillery wholly employed the Workmen of every kind till that time.

The Batterdiau to the Eastward is finished with its Sluice and Communication Gallery from the False Bray to the cover'd way, the Earth is also cleared away and Wells sunk & a vast quantity of Piles drove for a Foundation on which the Revetement of the Demi Counter Guard before the S. E. Bastion has been raised to the Height of ten feet from the Angle of the Junction of the Batterdiau to the Rentring Angle of the Flank where it joins the new Curtain measuring in length about one hundred and Ninety (190) Feet in which condition it was left before the last Monsoon and still remains.

The Bridge of Communication from the False Bray to the West Ravelin is entirely compleated.

To secure Patches Battery or more properly the S. W. Counter Guard as far as possible in future against the violence of the Current in the River & also to repair the damage done by the Monsoon in Novr. 1754 there has been drove a row of large Redwood Piles round the three Salient Angles at the distance of twenty feet from the Facing, between which and the redwood Piles there is drove another row, and from them Land ties carried to the outermost Piles which bind the whole together & prevent the Piles from flying off at the Top by the weight of the large Stones & Burs of Brickwork which are closely laid between the Piles & the Wall as well to secure the foundation from being undermind by the Water as to counterballance the pressure of the Parapet & the Rampart from within & for the further security of this Counter Guard a channel of 550 Feet long 75 Broad & 5 feet deep has been cut across the Island which lays on the West side by the means of which and a Dam across the old channel the Water which comes from the Panniar River by Tevenapatam is carried in a direct course into the River which runs on the south side of the Fort, instead of falling with a great Rapidity on the West Side of the Counter Guard and by its whirling motion carrying away the Bank which secures the foot of the Wall so that it is with great reason to be hoped these precautions will secure the work from any further damage.

That the Bricklayers might not be Idle any longer than the heavy rains absolutely prevented their working about the end of October the Parapet of the East Front of the Fort was pull'd down, which was so ill construct'd and built of such Rubbish that it was in a manner useless and in a very improper condition to cover either Men or Guns. I was for these reasons and in consideration of the Fort being as yet uncover'd on that side that the Parapet was taken down, and the Revetement too where it was necessary as far as the old Moratta Wall which is within fourteen feet of the Level of the False Bray where the work is fourteen feet thick and by age of a prodiguous hardness. On this old Wall is raised a Facing of Eight Feet thick at Bottom, which by its slope diminishes & forms a solid Brick Parapet of seven feet for the Faces of the Bastions and six feet for the Curtain. The Platforms are also new laid and lengthen'd and the whole finished from the Salient Angle of the North East to the Salient Angle of the South East Bastion which compleates the East Front of the Fort.

The Foundation for the new curtain (which will be in length 410 Feet from the South East to the South West Counter Guard) is begun and the Earth clear'd away above half the length, some Wells are also sunk & we are in hopes ere the next monsoon to have the whole Foundation rais'd which is six feet under to three feet above the Level of the Water, and no Endeavours shall be wanting on our part to make a greater Progress.

The repairs have been chiefly at the Garden House, Chemundulum and the Horse Stables but none have been made either their or to any other of the Honble Company's Buildings but such as were very necessary for the Preservation of the whole or for the Accommodation of the Inhabitants.

The Carpenters & Smiths in the Yard have been employed as necessity required either in preparing the Timber and Iron Work for the use of the Fortifications and Repairs or in making and repairing carriages Tumbrills &c^{a}. for the use of the Camp or His Majesty's Artillery & we beg leave to assure your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that in every Branch the greatest care has been taken to conduct it with Dispatch, Convenience, strength & æconomy.

Sixthly of Covenanted Servants.

Mr. Richard Cooke arrived here the 6th. June and is station'd under the Secretary Mr. Geo: Dawson and Mr. Edward Raddon also arriv'd here the 31st. July, the latter is under the Accountant & the former under the Paymaster.

Agreable to your directions of the 13th. October Mr. John Call executed his Covenants & took the usual Oath of Fidelity as a Writer in the Honble Companys service.

Seventhly of Military and Peons.

We have nothing to say under this Head, but that in this Packet your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will receive the several Rolls.

Eighthly of Accounts.

Our General Books waited on you the 24th. December last and under this Cover you will receive the Papers usually transmitted at this season.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David
9th. Febry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble Servants

Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

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4 Persheram Pillah his Account Current for 1755.
5 Govindah Chitty & Tonneveroy Pillah their Acct. Currt. for 1755.
6 Nagore Kistnah his Accot. current for 1755.
7 Andiapah Moodelair Do. Do.
8 Nella Chitty Do. Do.
9 Linga Chitty Do. Do.
10 Irshippa Chitty his account current for 1755.
11 Bowania Sanckaraya Do. Do.
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17 Sea Customer of Cuddalore's Accots. for Decr. 1755.
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Fort St. David
9th. Febry. 1756.

Richd. Fairfield,
Secry.

No. 29.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We now transmit you a Duplicate of our Annual Address & Papers, as also a calculate of Quick Stock to the 31st. January.

The Dragon Sloop was dispatch'd this morning with sixty (60) Bales Invoice & Bill of Lading for which comes inclosed and we shall not fail to embrace the first Opportunity of sending the remainder.

We are with Respect

FORT ST. DAVID
10TH. FEBRY. 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obdt. Hble Servants

RICHD. STARKE.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBT. SLOPER.
CHARLES TURNER.

No. 30.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on your Honr. with Duplicate of my last and Duplicate Invoice ℔ Fortune Snow, The Indent mentioned to have been sent you having been omitted now comes inclosed which I hope your Honr. &ca. will comply with. I am with the Greatest Esteem

BANDARMALANKA
30TH. JANRY. 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obdt. & most
Obliged Hble. Servant
JOHN ANDREWS.

INDENT OF STORES wanting at MADAPOLLAM FACTORY 30TH. JANRY. 1756 VIZT.

BROAD CLOTH—			
Common Scarlet			1 Bale.
Perpetuanoes Red			1 Do.
GUNPOWDER—			
Coarse	30		
Fine	10		
	—		40 Barrels.
TARR			30 Barrels.

JOHN ANDREWS.

No. 31.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to enclose the Accounts of this Settlement for the months of November & Decer. 1755 & January 1756. I am with Respect

DEVE COTAH
13TH. FEBRY. 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obdt. & most Hble Servt.
JOHN SMITH.

No. 32.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We paid our Respects to you under date 13th. & 24th. last month Duplicates of which are now forwarded with all other monthly papers &ca. as usual for the dispatch at this season.

Our Washers have been somewhat dilatory in their Operations, as otherwise our Bales would have been sent to you much sooner, but we earnestly entreat your Honr. &ca. excuse for the delay, if any disappointment has ensued therefrom to retard your dispatches for Europe & hope the Quantity and Quality of the present parcel of Cloth will in some measure bespeak your favourable regard not to incurr your displeasure.

Mr. John Lewin Smith & Capt. George Gardner having desir'd leave to go up to the Presidency for a short space of time we have Gratified them in their request.

Your Honr. &ca. have not pleased to supply us as yet with the Gunpowder indented for last Year, & our Stock on hand is but bare, therefore we beg leave to remind you of having it sent and the men of the Train you were so obliging to promise some time since with a good Serjeant to them.

We leave already Acquainted your Honr. &ca. of our demand for money & don't doubt your attention thereto.

The Hartop now brings you 520 Bales amounting as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclos'd to Pas. 35766–11–63 and we wish her a safe & speedy passage to your Consignment. We are with the greatest Respect

Vizagapatam — Honble Sir & Sirs

3d. Febry. 1756. — Your most obedt. & most Hble Servts.

Chas. Boddam.
J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best.

P.S.—Our Storekeeper presents an Account of some deficiencys and Surplusage in the Stores sent ℔ Cuddalore Sloop, not having deliver'd up Capt. Hammonds Bill of Lading from it, who Informed him as he had other Stores on board for the Negrais they probably might be mixed with them, and we beg to be favour'd with your Honr. &ca. directions thereon.

Chas. Boddam.
J. L. Smith.

The following is an Account of Shott which was deficient on Landing the Stores sent here ℔ Cuddalore sloop Captn. Nathaniel Hammond Commander Septr. 1755 Vizt.

		Wanting.	Over.
12	Pounders	4	
9	Ditto		1
6	Ditto		4
4	Ditto	87	
3	Ditto		2
½	Ditto	1	
	Total ..	92	7 Shott
	Deficient ..	7	
		85 Shott	

Vizagapatam — Marmaduke Best,

4th. February 1756. — *Mility. Storekr.*

A List of the Packet ℔ Hartop.

N°. 1 General Letter dated 3d. Febʸ. 1756.
2 Duple. Dº. 14th. Janʳʸ.
3 Dº. 24th. ditto.
4 Diarys & Consultns for ditto.
5 Cash Account Ditto.
6 Invoice for 520 Bales dated 3d. Febʳʸ.
7 Bill of Lading Dº.
8 List of the Company's Covenanted Servants for 1755.
9 Dº. Revenues for 1755.
10 Dº. Inhabitant for 1755.
11 An Annual Increase & Decrease of the Expences for 1755.
12 Paymaster's Account for Deceʳ. 1755.
13 Increase & Decrease for Ditto.
14 Deficiency of Shott ℔ Cuddalore Sloop.
15 List of Christnings, Marriages & Burials for 1755.
16 Annual report of the Hospital for 1755.
17 Monthly return of the Garrison for Febʳʸ. 1756.
18 Annual return of the Military.
19 Dº. Dº. Train.
20 Second set of General Books ending April 1755.
21 Paymaster's Accounts Dº. Dº.
22 Quick Stock.
23 List of the Packet.

N°. 33.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to enclose Duplicate of what wrote you by the Snow Carlos as also of the Invoice & Bill of Lading for 256 Bales of Callicoes laden on Board the Vessel which left this road the 23d. I am

Ingeram
24th. Janʳʸ. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Servant
Foss Westcott.

N°. 34.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Favour ℔ Fanny Schooner, the Treasure and Stores turn out agreable to Invoice.

We have laden our remaining Bales being 188 on board the Fanny & Ship Venkatasha both which vessels sail'd today, the Invoices & Bills of Lading come inclosed. We have referr'd the settling the Freight to your Honr. &ca.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David
17th. Febry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble. Servts.

Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

No. 35.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Commands of the 10th. Instt. and shall pay a due submission and obedience to them, but as I have six thousand Pagodas Principal money lying in different parts of the Country (two thousand six hundred whereof belongs to other Gentlemen) I much doubt if I shall ever see a farthing of it unless your Honr. &ca. will be so good as to indulge me with only so much time, as may be necessary to collect it in & finish such Accounts as are yet unsettled for want of my servants, for your Honr. &ca cannot but be sensible of the difficulties people in my situation generally meet with in transacting their Affairs with the Natives of all sorts of this country by their delays quirks and subterfuges, which at all times are of great prejudice to any Man, but in the present case tend directly to my ruin, but in this as well as in all things else I resign myself wholly to your Humane and charitable consideration and determination; your compliance with the request I have now taken the liberty to make will be the more Generous as I have for a long time been in so helpless a condition as to be incapable of attending any sort of Business. In the interim I beg leave to subscribe myself with all imaginable Respect

Deve Cotah
16th. Febry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obdt. and most Obliged Hble Servant
Charles Hopkins.

No. 36.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclos'd is Duplicate of our last ℔ Hartop with Invoice and second Bill of Lading.

We are,

Vizagapatam.
7th. Febry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. & most Hble Servts.
Chas. Boddam
Marmaduke Best.

N°. 37.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to enclose the usual Papers for the last month as also the Account Quick Stock at this Settlement the 31st. Ulto. which being all the material. I remain

Ingeram
4th. Febry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble Servant
Foss Westcott.

N°. 38.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received the Honor of your Letter dated 10th. Instant. Mr. Hopkins requests the favour of your permission to stay here a few days to settle some private Accounts, when he is ready I shall immediately set out with him for Madrass.

Mr. Drake is arrived here & all your other directions shall be punctually obeyed, I am with perfect Respect

Deve Cotah
20th. Febry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obdt. & most Hble Servant
John Smith.

N°. 39.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Upon opening the Chest of Pagodas received ℔ Fanny to pay a Bill drawn by Capt. Calliaud for 8000 Pags. it was discover'd by a nail's being drove into one of the Bags that part was Fanams, upon which the chest was immediately brought before the Board where being examined it was found to consist of seven bags of Pagodas containing six thousand nine hundred & ninety nine (6999) and three Bags of fanams containing seven thousand eight hundred twenty one (7821) each Bag being sealed with the Mint & shroff seal of Madrass which still continue whole having cut them open at bottom, the chest was

properly sealed with the Company's Seal which convinces us that it must be a mistake made by your shroff, which we thought it a duty incumbent on us to Acquaint you with immediately on its being found out.

We must request a further supply of ten thousand (10000) Pagodas.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David
23d. Febry. 1756

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obdt. Hble Servants

Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

No. 40.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Nothing material occurring since my last, I have only to enclose your Honr. &ca. the Accounts of this place for last month. I am with the greatest Esteem

Bandarmalanka
13th. Febry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obdt. and most Obliged Hble Servant

John Andrews.

No. 41.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to your directions signified to us by Mr. Secry. Du Pre' we now send you the Bags that contained the Pagodas and Fanams received ℔ Fanny, we have distinguished them by a proper mark, the seals are all whole, and we hope will continue so, as we have taken all possible care in the packing.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David
27th. Febry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble Servants

Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.

No. 42.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your favour of the 23d. Ulto. the Copper Cash and red-wood Piles ℔ Dragon turn out right & we shall return her to you to morrow.

Our Consultations and monthly Accounts, with the Report of the Committee of Accounts for January now wait on you, in compliance with your directions, the Committee are examining the Accounts back to the month of June, their report of which shall be forwarded when compleated.

We have revised the List of Peons & finding the service would bare a reduction have struck off 71, we request your Honr. &cr. will enquire into the Affair of the Tappies mentioned in the Committee's Report.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David — Honble Sir & Sirs

8th. March 1756. — Your most Obdt. Hble Servants

Richd. Starke.
Jugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

To the Worshll. Richd. Starke Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &cA. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

Since our Report on the Accounts of this Settlement for the Month of December 1755 we are now to acquaint you of our Observations on those for the month of January 1756.

Cash Account.

The Exchange of Gold into fanams and the Batta arising thereon, we think is not so clearly explain'd by the usual method of keeping this Account as might be wished, we have therefore endeavoured to draw out one, which we are of Opinion may answer the purpose better, and now lay it before you for your approbation.

Export and Import Warehouses.

The Additions, Calculations, & Statements of the Journal Entries of each of these Accounts have been examined and are found right.

The Wax Cloth in the Export Warehouse Account is still at 3 Pas. a piece, but the Wareho.kr. assigns for reason that it was calculated at that price in the Quick Stock drawn out to the 31st. Janry. and therefore cannot be alter'd till next month.

Storekeeper & Military Storekeeper.

The Calculations, Additions, & Statements of each of these Accounts have been examined and are found right, the Diarys are also annexed to each Journal parcel and the vouchers produced which being compared are found right.

Paymaster.

The calculations & additions of these accounts have been examined and are found right.

The Disbursements in fanams are particularly specified in an inner Column.

Peons and Servant's wages.

Under this Head 22 Tappies are charged which are said to be divided into 11 Stages between this Settlement and Madrass, whether part of them are not paid should there be enquired into.

MILITARY PAYMASTER.

The Calculations & Additions of these accoᵗˢ. have been examined and are found right.

STEWARD'S ACCOUNT.

His Accounts for December & January are examined & approved of.

We have demanded of the Steward his reasons for the high Charge of feeding Bullocks in camp for which he pleads Custom & the example of his Predecessors. There are none charged in these two month's accounts.

SEA & LAND CUSTOMER OF CUDDALORE & TEVENAPATAM.

The Calculations & Additions of each of these Accounts have been Examined and are found right.

The receits & disbursements what in Gold and what in fanams are also specified.

Mʳ. Hancock being charged in the month of June 1755 as Surgeon's Mate was by mistake instead of Mʳ. Massey.

The different employs have all had a sufficient advance in fanams this month, excepting the Military Paymaster whose disbursements in that Specie we observe exceed a trifle!

FORT Sᵀ. DAVID
2ᴰ. MARCH 1756.

We are
WORSHᴸᴸ. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obd̃ᵗ. Hb̃le Servᵗˢ.
RICHᴰ. STARKE.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROBᵀ. SLOPER.

Nº. 43.

TO THE Hon̄BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQᴿ.
GOVERNOUR AND TO THE GENTLEMEN IN
COUNCIL AT FORT Sᵀ. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We received the Letter you did us the favour to write to us the 17ᵗʰ of July and its Duplicate, together with the silver you consign'd to us, namely five chests by the Rhoda containing 17440 Ounces and five chests by the Prince of Wales containing 17086½ Ounces to make up the deficiency for the Warren's Cargo, we are obliged to you for the trouble you have taken on that Account.

We have also received the Packet you sent us of Instructions for the homeward bound ships & the Packet for Messʳˢ. Harrison Fitzhugh and Flint which we have forwarded to them.

CANTON,
1ˢᵀ. Novᴿ. 1755.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most obd̃ᵗ. & most hm̃ble Servᵗˢ.
FREDERICK PIGOU.
THOˢ. LOCKWOOD.
RICHᴰ. PEISLEY.
FRANCIS WOOD.
THOˢ. SMITH.

No. 44.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
Govr. and to the Gentlemen in Council
at Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

The several Letters & their Duplicates you wrote Messrs. Misenor & Council in regard to the Affairs of the ships Kent and Britannia together with the Bills of Lading, Invoices and all other papers relating to those ships were delivered to us by the said Gentlemen as those ships by a new Regulation of the Honble the Court of Directors of the East India Company made in Novr. last, were consign'd to us, they both arrived here in very good time. The other ships consign'd to this Port & the Holderness to Ningpo all came safe, the Bombay Castle came very late.

As the early dispatch of ships intended for Canton from your Coast is of great advantage to secure their arrival here and also to our Affairs, we take the Liberty to request you would send them away as early as you possibly can, and to forbid the Commanders, when late, to stop at Malacca. We enclose a Price Current and are

Canton
1st. Novr. 1755.

Gentlemen
Your most Obdt. & most Hble Servts.

Frederick Pigou.
Thos. Lockwood.
Richd. Peisley.
Fras. Kinnersley.

Price Current Canton 1755.

	Ta.	m.		Ta.	m.	
Beetle Nut	3	2	@	3	5	the Pecul.
Benjamin low sort	14	—				
Camphire sorted	6	—		8	—	Catty.
Cotton	13	5		14	—	Pecul.
Cow Bezoar	26	—		30	—	Catty.
Cotch	6	5		7	—	Pecul.
Elephants Teeth 8 to the Pecul	36	—				
Do. 3 do.	55	—				
Gogul	3	5		6	—	this article fell from 6 to 3. 5 & is now in no demand.
Hingra or Assefetida	37	—				in no demand.
Lead	4	4		4	5	
Myrrh	24	—				
Olivanum	5	5		5	7	in small demand.
Putchuck	28	—		30	—	in small demand.
Pepper Batavia	9	4				
Do. Malabar	10	2				
Rattans	2	4		2	7	
Redwood	2	7		2	3	
Rosum Alloes	55	—				in no demand.
Sandalwood	8	5		8	7	
Sapan Wood	1	2		5	—	
Shark's fins	26	5	@	28	—	the Pecul.
Tin	13	6		14	5	
Wax	22	—		24	—	
Borax	33	—		34	—	
Camphire	26	—				

PRICE CURRENT CANTON 1755—*cont.*

China Root	..	..	..	1	2	1 5
Cinnabar	..	..	..	95	—	98 —
Gallingal	..	.	..	1	5	
Gambogium	..	..	..	40	—	42 —
Ginsing Canada	no price.					
Hartal ..	..	..	..	7	8	
Sugar ..	..	..	..	3	9	
Sugar Candy	..	..	..	6	2	7 5
Tootenague	..	..	..	4	7	
Rhubarb	..	..	..	18	—	28 —

N°. 45.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favours of the 29th. Ult°. & 12th. Current have been recd with the Wares & Stores consign'd me ℔ Sloop Nancy and Snow Don Carlos, this waits on you by the former on whom I have laden forty five (45) Bales of Callicoes being the remainder of my Investment amounting to Pags. three thousand five hundred and seventy three, thirty three fanams & thirty Cash (3573–33–30) as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed, and am extreamly sorry your Honr. &ca. has had reason to contradict what you before wrote me concerning my Cloth sent up in September tho' I hope what consign'd you the last Month as also this now sent will make amends, tho' I cannot help observing that in the sortment I took particular care it should answer to the numbers. The packet you was pleased to enclose to me for Vizagapatam was immediately forwarded. Enclosed comes Duplicate Account Quick Stock at this Settlement which being all the material at present I remain,

INGERAM
22D. FEBRY. 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obdt. Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 46.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to enclose Duplicate of my address by sloop Nancy, as also of the Invoice with second Bill of Lading of the Callicoes consign'd on her, she left this place yesterday, having nothing further to add I remain,

INGERAM
23D. FEBRY. 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obdt. Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

No. 47.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Denham Imported here on the 25th. Ulto. from the Negrais which place she did not leave till the 24th. Decr. Capt. Meard has deliver'd us no Protest against Mr. Brooke for detaining him so long. We have offer'd him all the assistance in our power & if his ship can be got ready We shall dispatch her to Europe the latter end of this month.

Upon weighing off the Barbary Copper laden on the Duke of Dorset by your Honr. &ca. there was a deficiency in weight of Md. 45 Seer. 15. Capt. Forrester has accounted with us for the amount, but as he apprehends the deficiency arises from some mistake at your Presidency he has requested of us to address your Honr. &ca. thereon, to get it rectified, we have therefore enclosed a copy of his Letter and desire you will mention it to the Honble Company in your next advices should it appear to be an Error. The Copper receed by that ship from Europe turns out but 15 mds. short out of two hundred Tons.

We take the liberty to repeat our request for an early supply of money which will be of the greatest Importance to the Provision of our Investments we likewise request the Consignments of Treasure for this place from your Honr. &ca. may be made one Quarter in Bullion, and the remainder divided equally into Madrass and Arcot Rupees.

We shall be in want of two hundred Tons or six thousand Maunds of Redwood which we desire your Honr. &ca. will send us this Season by such Conveyances as may offer.

Please to inform us what quantity of saltpetre you would have us send your Honr. &ca. that we may provide accordingly.

Enclosed you will receive a packet from Mr. Henry Brooke under your Address.

The Duke of Dorset left Ingelee on the 1st. Instt. for Tellicherry, & we are loading the St. George for Europe directly, which ship we hope to dispatch from hence about the 15th. of this month.

We are

Fort William

4th. Febry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obdt. Servants

Roger Drake *Junr.*
C. Manningham.
Paul Richard Pearkes.
W. Frankland.
J. Z. Holwell.
W. Mackettt.
Edward Eyre.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Copper laden on the Duke of Dorset by the President & Council ot Fort St. George having turn'd out very deficient in weight, tho' little so, tale, I apprehend it must be owing to some mistake either in my Bills of Lading or in not sending on Board the same Pieces that were weigh'd off in presence of

my Purser & intended to be laden on my ship. And as it amounts to a large sum of money I request the favour your Honr. &ca. will write to the President & Council of Fort St. George concerning it, that my owners may be reimbursed the money I have paid, should it appear upon scrutiny to be a mistake.

I am with Respect

Fort William
28th. Janry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble Servant
Bernard Forrester

N.B.—Copper laden in Europe—200 Tons.
Short deliver'd— 15 Mds.
Copper laden at Madrass— 17 Tons.
Short deliver'd— 45 mds.

No. 48.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Madrass.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday arrived a Pattamar Boat from Bombay but last from Gheriah by which we received advice of the taking of that place the 13th. Instant by Adml. Watson and burning of Angria's whole Fleet consisting of twelve Grabs including the Restoration, with one hundred & twenty Gallivats, also that he himself with his Family surrender'd themselves our Prisoners.

The Pelham is not yet dispatched from hence for England, being detained till the Duke of Dorset from Bengal arrives here with Salt Petre, 200 Tons thereof being Order'd from the Presidency to be put on board her; And by advices receiv'd Yesterday we believe the Stretham will leave Bombay about the latter end of this or the beginning of next month directly for Great Britain.

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last and we are

Tellicherry
24th. Febry. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble Servants
Thos. Hodges.
S. Evans.
Thos. Satchwell.
Henry Johnson.

No. 49.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on your Honr. &ca. by the Sloop George Capt. Thos. Reason on board whom I have laden seventy one Bales on Account of the Honble Company as Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed. If you will be pleas'd to

add to the Indent lately sent your Honr. &ca. a chest of Stationary and one Candy of Country Match, we shall, I hope, have no occasion to be further troublesome this Year.

I am with the greatest Esteem

BANDERMALANKA — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

22D. FEBRY. 1756. — Your most Obdt. & most Obliged Hble Servt.

JOHN ANDREWS.

P.S.—In the Invoice of Cloth sent by the Fortune Snow there is a mistake in the Charges of Merchandize, the Wax Cloth being charged twice both singly and in the Packing which Occasions an Overcharge of twenty nine fanams on every white Bale.

No. 50.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Serjeant Haycock having just now informed me that Matthew Peters one of the Topasses sent with the Detachment hither, is incapable of duty and at certain times entirely deprived of reason, I have now returned him by the Sloop George.

I am with the Greatest Esteem

BANDERMALANKA — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

23D. FEBRY. 1756. — Your most Obdt. & most obliged Hble Servant

JOHN ANDREWS.

No. 51.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I am obliged with your Honrs. &ca. favours of the 11th. & 16th. past. I should be sorry to put the Company to any unnecessary Expence, but we having for a long time laboured under great inconveniences for want of a proper Godown for our Cloth, I had begun it before I received your Orders to the contrary, as the amount will be but trifling, I hope your Honr. &ca. will excuse me for so doing, the compound Walls I shall wait your further Orders about.

I am greatly obliged by the supply of Pagodas and Stores sent p Fortune Snow, I hope I shall shortly receive a larger sum, as the progress of my Investment depends much on having large sums in the Merchts. hands before the French or Dutch receive their supplys.

Inclosed comes Duplicates of mine by the George & the Accounts of this place for last month, I am with the greatest esteem

BANDERMALANKA — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

2D. MARCH 1756. — Your most Obd. & most obliged Hble Servt.

JOHN ANDREWS.

No. 52.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves purposely to Acknowledge Receit of your three favours of the 25th. June, 20th. Septr. & 23d. November 1755 and to advise you that Our Honorable Masters Ship Pelham Capt. George Lindsay Imported at Tellicherry the 10th. Inst. where she is to be finally dispatched for Europe.

Anjengo
20th. Febry. 1756.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Hble Servants
George Scott.
Peter Elwin Wrench.
Titus Scott.

No. 53.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your favour of the 17th., the Stores & Sloop Dragon turn out agreable to Invoice and in compliance with your directions we have returned her to you this day.

We enclose you our Committee's Report on the Accounts for June to December.

We must request your Honr. &ca. will send us a supply of twenty thousand (20000) Pagodas.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Charles Turner.

Fort St. David
24th. March 1756.

To the Worshll. Richd. Starke Esqr.

Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

We now present you with our Report on the Accounts of this Settlement from the month of June to the month of December 1755 which we have Inspected into, conformable to the direction of the President & Council.

Cash Account.

In the Additions of some of these Accounts a few trifling cash are omitted, to avoid which we would recommend in future a stricter care to be observed.

EXPORT & IMPORT WAREHOUSES.

The Calculations, Additions & Statements of each of these Journal Parcels from June to December have been Examined and are found right.

PAYMASTER.

The Calculations and Additions of these Accoᵗˢ. have been Examined and are found right.

Most of the Observations that Occur in these Accounts have been pointed out in our Report on Decʳ., therefore we shall only remark further that the Surgeons Bills for Servants, Medecines &cᵃ. for the use of the Hospital seem to be considerable, we think the necessity of them ought to be enquired into.

The Advances made to this employ in fanᵃ. are in the months of July and August Pˢ. 1200 each, in September & October Pˢ. 1270 each, and in November Paˢ. 1170 which we imagine have been sufficient to answer the Disbursements.

MILITARY PAYMASTER.

The Calculations & Additions of these Accounts have been Examined and are found right.

We observe that in this Employ no Advance in fanams has been made.

STOREKEEPER.

The Calculations, Additions & Statements of this Account from June to the month of December have been Examined and are found right.

The Diarys are also regular & the Vouchers being compared are found to agree with the several Entries.

The Expence of Stationary in these Accounts are so considerable that to answer it a large purchase was made of that Article in August. We think that the Consumption for the several Offices will bear a Reduction especially those for the Military, who we observe besides their Yearly Indents make one monthly.

The receit of fanams in this Employ seem to be sufficient to answer the Disbursements.

MILITARY STOREKEEPER.

The Statements, Calculations & Additions of these Accounts from June to December have been Examined and are found right. The Vouchers and Diarys have likewise been Inspected & compared with the several Entries.

We observe the Expence of Military Stores in general run very high, but for want of being more particularly informed to what use they are applied or how Expended, we cannot judge how far such large Issues may be necessary, this shews the Expediency of keeping such a Diary as we recommended in our Report on the Month of December wherein these matters may be fully and clearly Explained. The Indents for Wax Candles appear to be Extravagant, but as that, and several other particulars that might be pointed out, have been already taken notice of and regulations made in consequence a repetition here is unnecessary, we shall only remark further that the Adjutants monthly Draughts must have exceeded his Expence because in Septʳ. there is a credit given to charges General of Pˢ. 339–18–30 for sundry Stores return'd back from him to compleat an Indent from Trichenopoly.

No advance in fanams has been made the Military Storekeeper in July, August or September but for October & November he has been sufficiently supplied.

Sea & Land Customers of Cuddalore & Tevenapatam.

The Calculations & additions of each of these accounts have been examined and are found Right.

We are

Fort St. David — Worshll. Sir & Sirs

17th. March 1756. — Your most Obdt. Hble Servants

Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.

No. 54.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our Consultations & Monthly Accounts for February with the Committee of Accoun[ts re]port on them now wait on you.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David — Honble Sir & Sirs

5th. April 1756. — Your most Obdt. Hble Servants

Richd. Starke &ca. Council.

To the Worshipfull Richd. Starke Esqr.

Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with our Report on the Accounts of this Settlement for the month of February last.

Cash Account.

The Calculations & Additions of this Account have been Examined and are found right.

Export & Import Warehouses.

The Additions & Statements of each of these Journal Parcels have been Examined and are found right.

The Goods sent to Madrass in the Export Warehouse Journal Entry, appear only by Quantity & Gross sum without mentioning at what price or rate it would be necessary to rectify this in future, that the calculations might be the more readily examined.

Paymaster & Military Paymaster.

The Calculations & Additions of each of these Accounts have been Examined and are found right.

Both these Employs have had a sufficient advance in fanams.

Storekeeper & Military Storekeeper.

The Calculations, Additions & Statements of each of these Accounts are right, the Vouchers have likewise been inspected and compared with the several Entries.

Nothing occurrs worthy of notice in the Store keeper's Account but in the Military We observe with pleasure that the Issues of Stores for the use of the Garrison are considerably reduced as well as the Charges General.

Both these employs have been sufficiently advanced in fanams.

SEA & LAND CUSTOMER OF CUDDALORE & TEVENAPATAM.

The Calculations & Additions of each of these Accounts have been Examined & are found right.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID — WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

22D. MARCH 1756. — Your most Obdt. Hble Servts.

RICHD. STARKE.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROBT. SLOPER.

No. 55.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This is to enclose the usual papers for the last month & to request a supply of money as my Merchants promise that in case I could make them any Advances they should be able to procure a good quantity of Cloth by September. Your Honr. &ca. will perceive by the Cash Account now sent that I have barely sufficient for the Expences of the present Month.

I am

INGERAM — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

10TH. MARCH 1756. — Your most Obdt. Hble Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

No. 56.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have the honor to Acquaint you that Mr. Smith left the place this morning and agreable to your Honr. &ca. Directions deliver'd over the Charge of the Settlement to me with an Account Remains interchangeably sign'd by us both.

Permit me to return your Honr. &ca. Thanks for the Trust you have reposed in me, which I shall endeavour to merit by a faithfull discharge of the same and doing all that lays in my power for my Honble Master's Interest.

I am with the greatest Respect

DEVE COTAH — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

12TH. APRIL 1756. — Your most Obdt. & obliged Hble Servt.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

No. 57.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We a few days ago received your favour of the 24th. Janry. and agreable to our Advices under the 4th. of that Month, We now enclose your Honr. &ca. five Bills of Exchange for Eighty thousand (80000) Arcot Rupees on Accot. the Foreign Silver you consigned the Supra Cargoes of the Warren at Canton, being all drawn by Arzunjee Nathjee of Surat, on Amboidass Narsindass at your place at the rate of 98½ Bombay Rupees for 100 Arcot, three of which Bills amounting to thirty five thousand (35000) Arcot Rupees are payable the 24th. of next month and the rest the 10th. of May, the Ballance shall be remitted as soon as we can procure another draft in your Honr. &ca. favour.

It is with much concern we observe the Doddington was not arrived with you, and that we learn by private advices from Surat she had not been at Batavia the 10th. Octor. however we are not without hopes she may have been obliged to touch on the West Coast after the date of your Honr. &ca. last Advices from thence.

We dispatched our Honble Masters ship Pelham to Tellicherry the 1st. Ulto. with orders to the Gentlemen there to lade two hundred (200) Tons of Saltpetre on her, which we expected they would have receed. by the Duke of Dorset from Bengal, and to compleat her Charterparty Tonnage with Pepper for Europe, but they had not heard of the Duke of Dorset's Arrival on the Coast the 18th. Ulto. which obliged them to detain the Pelham; We likewise dispatched the Stretham for England the 15th. Inst. having compleated her Cargoe here, but were only able to put on board one hundred & fifteen (115) Tons of Saltpetre, having none left for making Gunpowder, or any other service.

Yesterday imported His Majestys Ship Kent Rear Admiral Watson from Gheriah, and the Cumberland is now in sight, which place We have the pleasure to advise your Honr. &ca. surrender'd to the forces under his Command on the 13th. Ulto. after an Attack of two days, with but few killed & Wounded on our side, but the Enemies loss is not known; The Tyger and Bridgewater Men of War sustained some damage in their Masts, as also one of the Honble Compys. Cruizers, but Angriahs whole Fleet consisting of eight Ketch Grabs and two large three Mast Grabs on the Stocks ready for launching with all his Gallivats and great part of his Town was consumed by our Bombs; Toolajee left the Command to his Brother in Law, in order to treat with the Morattas and still remains with them, but all his Family became our Prisoners and a large Amount in Treasure, Goods &ca. has been found, which will be all divided between the King's and Company's Forces employ'd on the Expedition.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obdt. Servants

Rd. Bourchier &ca. Council.

Bombay Castle

17th. March 1756

N°. 58.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favours of the 11th. Febry. 24th. & 30th. Ulto. have all duly been received, with the Treasure consign'd us ℔ George and Stores for the Arcot Snow, as also the Gunpowder ℔ Beverly and we return your Honr. &ca. thanks for the supplies forwarded.

The George arriving here the 30th. last Month, Capt. Newton Address'd us to have a survey on the ship before he proceeded for the Negrais, as she was found to be somewhat Leaky in her passage down from Madrass in consequence of which we desired Capt. Jackson and Mr. Heriot the Companys Carpenter with the Chief Officer of the Arcot Snow, to repair on board her immediately for that intent, and to report her condition to us by delivering their Opinions in writing, and having since declared the same by their report given in to be absolutely necessary, for bringing the Vessel into the River in order to stop her Leaks, she accordingly came over the Bar the next day, and is now repairing. Copys of the Letter from Capt. Newton and the Certificate sign'd by the above are herewith accompanying.

Agreable to your Honr. &ca. Orders a Cargo of Paddy shall be shipp'd on board the George for the Negrais as soon as she is ready to receive it, which we hope will be before the Middle of the Month, and the Commander Acquainted with your directions for his future proceedings.

The Arcot Snow is taken in hand towards her Repairs as contracted for, and we shall strictly observe your Commands with regard to any other necessary Work found absolutely wanted to her, not included in the Estimate as well as what further relates to the dispatch of that Vessel.

Capt. Jackson was supplied wih the Anchor left behind by the Cuddalore Sloop on his arrival here, and that of the Arcots shall be sent up the first Opportunity.

We are sorry to have omitted in our Address at the beginning of the year; what your Honr. &ca. are pleased to direct in future in your Letter now under reply, for informg. you particularly of the State of the Settlement in the several different branches mentioned, and as we were Ignorant of this practice before for being so circumstantial, We hope this late Omission will be the readier excused, and your Commands in it shall punctually be attended to hereafter.

The Accounts are now taking of all the Wares, Stores and Military Stores remaining in the Settlement and as soon as they are compleated, the same shall be transmitted you, with the reasons assign'd for such as are deficient or otherwise have suffer'd thro' any unavoidable decay of Rust breaking &ca. for your directions thereon.

We shall conform precisely to put in execution your Honr. &ca. orders in general of the Committee's remarks in your separate Letter and intend shortly to send you the proposals offer'd for undertaking the package of a Bale at a certain fixed price. The exact Account of the charges of packing to this time as you have desir'd is inclosed.

It is a great satisfaction to us to advise your Honr. &ca. a very plentifull Investment may be made this Year in these parts from the present favourable aspect of Affairs, if money is not wanted to starve the Cause, and we compute to be able of furnishing at least in the course of the Season twelve or thirteen hundred Bales, wherefore we are to entreat a supply of forty five thousand Madrass Pagodas, and seventy or Eighty thousand Rupees more than what

has hitherto been received to serve for the Investment and the current charges of the Settlement till next Year. Our Merchants have had all the Cash we were Masters of and are daily pressing for more, & we humbly refer the Consideration of our demands to your superior Judgements.

All Arrears of Wages due to the Arcot Snow amount^{g}. to A. Rupees 4776 has been paid off from the 17th. July last to 17th. Inst. from the Accounts deliver'd in by Capt. Jackson & the same are now forwarded.

Our Indents as usual for what Wares & Stores may be wanted, shall wait on your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. as soon as the Account Remains are finished of such as we have already here.

The Diarys, Consultations & Paymaster's Accounts for January and February with other monthly Papers and Cash Accounts to the end of March come in this Packet as $\frac{3}{4}$ List thereof.

We shall be obliged to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for the Account Sortments of Cloth that the Hartop carried up from hence in October & Feb^{ry}. last and underneath is a List of our now on Hand.

We are with the greatest Respect

VIZAGAPATAM
7TH. APRIL 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obd^{t}. & most Hble Serv^{ts}.
CHA^{S}. BODDAM.
MARMADUKE BEST.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND.

L.C.O.	... ...	C^{o}.	287 13
L.C.F.	... ...		53
S.O.	... ...		7
S.F.	... ...		1 16

ACCOUNT COST PACKAGE OF ONE WHITE BALE.

Gunnys	4 P^{s}.	—	12	—
Ropes	5 lb.	—	2	40
Twine	2½	—	1	40
Cotton	3	—	10	60
Wrappers	30 Cov^{s}.	—	25	40
Wax Cloth	12	—	28	—
Wrappers Washing Cooly	.. .. ..	—	—	40
Chop Seeds, Indigo, Oyl for Ropes & Cotton beating Cooly.		—	5	60
Packers Wages ..	.. ..	—	12	—
	PAG^{s}.	2	26	40

N.B.—Washing Cooly for Wrappers, Chop Seeds, Indigo, Oyl for Ropes & Cooly beating Cotton with Packer's Wages are charged under the Head of Charges Merchandize in the Wareh^{o}.k^{rs}. Accounts & on an average brings the package of one White Bale to the above Amount including these particular Charges.

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N°. 59.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^{a}. Council at Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have reced. your several favours of the 25th. & 27th. Ult°. and 9th. Inst. with a supply of twenty thousand (20000) Pagodas and three thousand & one (3001) Pags. to make up the deficiency in the Chest reced. ℔ Fanny. The three Bags of fanams shall be carried to the Head of Fines & Forfeitures conformable to your directions.

Agreable to your Orders we have purchased the Elizabeth's Cargo of Rice Amounting to about four thousand (4000) Bags at eighty (80) Pagodas ℔ Garce which we are now landing with all possible expedition.

In consequence of your direction for Mr. Robert Dowset to repair to Fort St. George he proceeded thither a few days ago on the Canterbury Snow.

The Export Wareh°.kr. will deliver his Answer in a few days in regard to undertaking the packing the Company's Bales on the Terms you have prescribed.

We have made a diligent Enquiry both to the Northward & Southward for Angelee Plank to build Musoolahs but have not been able to procure any. We must therefore request your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will sent us at leat two immediately as the squadron is daily expected and we are now reduced to one Mussoolah and that so much out of repair that it is dangerous to venture her over the Surf. The Admiral when he was here last made great complaints that he was not properly supplied with those kind of Boats & lost two or three of the Squadron's Boats by being obliged to make use of them in passing the Surf.

As our Ballance of Cash is reduced very low by the purchasing of Grain we beg you will send us a supply as soon as possible.

Fort St. David
24th. April 1756.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble Servts.

Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

No. 60.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am obliged with your Honr. &ca. favour of the 30th. March and have duly received the five thousand (5000) Pagodas sent by the Sloop George which I hope may be of some Service in carrying on the Investment, which I am sorry to say the other sent by the Fortune Snow has not yet been, the Gold being so much inferior to what these kind of Pagodas have always been that the Country wil not take them, As I am sensible how great a discredit it must be to our Mint to have these Pagodas returned I have been at some pains and expence with the Soucars & Country Government to get them pass'd and wish I may be successfull, my Vakeel is now out upon that Business.

I shall bring the Cloth Godown to Account this month and particularize the Expence. I have herewith sent an Estimate of the charge of Building a Wall round the Factory if you shall think proper to have it done as also an Account of the cost and Charge of packing a hundred Bales White and Brown the former I am willing to undertake at 2¼ Pags. the latter at 18 fanams ℔ Bale if your Honr. &ca. shall approve of it. The reason why the present charge of packing does not agree with our Books, is because the Allowance for Brown Bales is far short of what the Gunnies, Ropes, &ca. cost.

I shall obey your Honr. &ca. Orders in regard to the Pagodas after the Expiration of the month by Crediting your account 1100 for every 1000 Pagodas and Debting the Merchants the same, as the Washers have always been paid in Madrass Pagodas 10 ℔ Cent must be added to that charge or they cannot go on with their Business, they very hardly getting a livelihood now, and as the Servants here have also received Madrass Pagodas for their pay I doubt not but your Honr. &ca. will allow the 10 ℔ Cent upon that Article. As to the Invoice of Goods you are pleased to say that by the prices sent you have made it come near to the usual Charge upon the three Numbers, but if your Honr. &ca. will be pleased to compare it with the Calculate now sent you will find the difference to be considerable, particularly in the Midling Cloth, which if not alter'd it will be impossible to provide that Article.

I should be glad to have a further supply of 30000 Pagodas for the Investment this Year and the greatest part of it sent as soon as possible. The Dutch have received large sums I myself saw 25000 Pags. paid into the Cash at Palicol a few days past and I am well assured that any sum of money is as safe here as there.

As I have ever been scrupulous of putting the Company to any unnecessary Expence so when any Work has been undertaken I have been as carefull to see it done in the most frugal manner, as the Buildings here by all who have yet seen them will evince, but I shall not undertake my thing new without first giving your Honr. &cs. an Estimate and receiving your Orders.

Enclos'd come the Accounts of this place for the last Month. I am with the greatest Esteem.

Bandermlka — Honble Sir & Sirs

15th. April 1756. — Your most Obdt. Hble Servant

John Andrews.

(An Exact Account of the Package of 100 White Bales as the Goods are purchased here and Expended.)

Gunnies	..	..	..	..	200	—		16	—	—
					ca.	md.				
Ropes	..	..	..	..	1	15		14	—	—
Twine	..	..	..	..	—	6		3	—	—
Wrappers	..	..	..	..	42	Pieces		71	14	32
Wax Cloth	..	..	..	..	17	Dº.		70	—	—
Cotton	..	..	..	..	15	Maund		18	27	—
								193	5	32
				Batta 10 ℔ Cent	..			19	11	27
				Currt. Pas.	..			212	16	59

(Package of 100 Brown Bales.)

Gunnies	..	..	..	..	250	—		20	—	—
					ca.	md.				
Ropes	..	..	..	..	1	15		14	—	—
Twine	..	..	..	..	—	8		4	9	—
								38	9	—
				Batta 10 ℔ Cent	..			3	28	64
				Currt. Pas.	..			41	28	64

Bandarmalanka 15th. April 1756.

John Andrews.

(A Calculate Shewing the difference between the prices of Cloth in Madrass and Current Pagodas and the Madrass Prices.)

		M. Pagodas as ℔ Invoice.			Currt. Pags. at 10 ℔ Cent Batta.			Madras Prices.			Difference ℔ Corge.		
Long Cloth Fine	Nº. 1	71	—	—	77	3	48	76	—	—	1	3	48
	2	66	—	—	72	21	48	73	—	—	—	14	32
	3	63	—	—	69	10	64	70	—	—	—	25	16
Dº. Midling	1	55	—	—	60	18	—	58	—	—	2	18	—
	2	54	—	—	59	14	32	55	—	—	4	14	32
	3	53	—	—	58	10	64	52	—	—	6	10	64
Dº. Ordinary	1	36	18	—	40	5	32	40	—	—	—	5	32
	2	35	18	—	39	1	64	38	—	—	1	1	64
	3	34	18	—	37	34	16	37	—	—	—	34	16
Ochop	1	35	18	—	39	1	64	38	—	—	1	1	64
	2	34	18	—	37	34	16	37	—	—	—	34	16
	3	33	18	—	36	30	48	35	—	—	1	30	48

Bandermalanka 15th. April 1756.

An Estimate for Building a Wall round the Factory House at Bandermalanka being 190 Fathom Square.

Bricks	2½ Lack	..	..	..	200	—	—
Chunam	13 Garce	..	..	..	72	—	—
Brick layers		..	..	..	30	—	—
Cooleys		..	..	..	18	—	—
Women and Boys		..	..	..	24	—	—
Jaggary Minamaloo &c^{a}.		..	..	..	18	—	—
			Pagodas	..	362	—	—

Bandermalanka 15th. April 1756.

John Andrews.

No. 61.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &c^{a}. Council of Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Captain Jackson arriving here indisposed and still continuing out of Order has requested of us to go up to Madrass for a change of Air by the Doctor's Advice to him and we have indulged him in it, his letter address'd on the Occasion is inclosed and we remain with Respect.

Vizagapatam
10th. April 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obd^{t}. Hble Servants
Chas. Boddam.
Marmaduke Best.

To Chas. Boddam Esqr.

Chief &c^{a}. Council.

Sirs

The indisposition I contracted during my late Voyage having greatly impaired my Health, which M^{r}. Wilson advises me a change of Air is most probable means for the recovery of, I am therefore induced to request your leaves to proceed to Madrass from whence if my Health pemits and 'tis agreable to the President and Council I shall be able to return before the Arcot is fit to proceed to Sea. I am

Vizagapatam
10th. April 1756.

Sirs
Your most Obd^{t}. & Hble Servt.
R^{t}. Jackson.

Copy.

No. 62.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &c^{a}. Council at Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receđ. your favour of the 27th. Ultimo and a supply of ten thousand (10000) Pagodas.

Your Commands respecting the several Sortments of Cloth shall be carefully attended to.

Agreable to your directions to draw Bills for the Elizabeth and Norwoods Cargoes of Rice, we have drawn on you in favour of Capt. John Durand for five thousand nine hundred fifty nine Pagodas sixteen fanams & sixteen cash (5959. 16. 16) being in full for 74 Ga. 197¼ Mer. @ 80 Pags. ℔ Garce and in favour of Mr. Henry Kelsall for two thousand two hundred seven Pagodas twenty six fanams (2207.26) in part for 35 Ga. 184 Mer. @ 82 Pags. ℔ Garce the remaining seven hundred (700) Pagodas we have paid him here.

We must request your Honr. &ca. will speedily send us a further supply of Cash.

Our Consultations and Monthly Accounts for March and our Committee's report now wait on you.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble. Servants

Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

Fort St. David
8th. May 1756.

To the Worshll. Richd. Starke Esqr.
Deputy Govs. &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

As we observe in the Accounts of this Settlemt. for the Month of March that the Expences in the several different employs are considerably reduced agreable to our recommendations in the former reports, so we have only to remark to you that the statements of each of the Journal Parcels and the calculations and additions of all the accounts have been Examined and found right.

We are
Worshll Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. & Hble Servants

Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.

Fort St. David
3d. May 1756.

No. 63.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Commands of the 24th. were deliver'd me a few days past with a supply of five thousand (5000) Pags. ℔ Ship George. The Merchants desire I will Acquaint your Honr. &ca. that if they receive further supplys soon they shall be able to Invest this year thirty or forty thousand more. In this place I must beg leave to lay before you their complaints of the Pagodas lately sent, as it was with great difficulty that I made them take those recd. in December last, they alledging the Soucars did not chuse to take them and it was with

some trouble and Expence that I could prevail on them to let them pass, complaining they were deficient in the Touch. In those received by the George there are some of the same sort which I am afraid I shall find hard to make the Merch^{ts}. receive, but as I am not a Judge myself otherwise than by the looks I have taken the liberty to send you ten (10) for your Honor &c^{a}. Inspection.

Your separate Letter with the Committee's remarks on the Accounts of this settlement with your Orders relating thereto I now reply thereto.

In the 8th. Para of their report they mention there is inserted 138 Pieces of Wax Cloth as expended in the month of Septr. but on looking over that month's Account I fancy they have made a mistake as it is inserted there as purchased not expended and was then bought for the packing of the Bales consign'd your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. in regard to your Orders of sending a Calculate of the Expence of Packing I now enclose you an exact account of packing 100 White as also 100 Brown Bales, and will undertake the packing of the Company's Bales at (2¼) two Pagodas and a Quarter each White Bale and (18) Eighteen fanams for Brown if it meets with your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Approbation.

Para. 9th. of the report the Committee remarks my having charged Pa^{s}. 10–12 for cloathing three Europeans and one Topass which they say is an Extraordinary charge, as the Captains are to cloath the Military out of the stoppages of their pay; In order to explain this agreable to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Orders, I am to inform you that the above people were deserters from Mon^{s}. Bussy's camp and as all such when I was to the Southward were given their first cloathing (if I remember right) by the Company, I imagined they were entitled to the same Allowance here.

The Committee in the Para. 11 remarks my having charged the Building of a Washing and Beating Godown in June and Horse Stables and Choultry in September and that I have wrote them off instead of keeping them under proper Heads in the Books. As there was the same Buildings standing on my Arrival here and not the least mention made of any such thing in the Books and they being old and unfit for use I pull'd them down & erected the aforementioned in their room, writing them off as I imagined the others were done when first built, but I shall now agreable to your Orders write them off to proper Heads. In future I shall not set about any Buildings however urgent the Occasion may be, without previous Acquainting your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. and giving in a Calculate of the Expence &c^{a}. for your Approbation.

It is remarked in Para. 12 of the Committee's report of a charge of P^{s}. 24.31.49 for my going into the Country and your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. observe that if it was on the Company's Business, I should have expressed in my account for what purpose it was undertaken. As I never charged any thing to the Company's Account but what I really expended for their service. I should not have presumed to have made the aforementioned charge, if not on their Account; it is very necessary sometimes to go into the Country among the Weavers to make an enquiry amongst them of the price of their Goods, for to be a check on the Merchants, and to give them some small Encouragem^{t}. to mend their Manufacture when you observe it to be bad: This method I remember M^{r}. Prince when Chief of Vizagapatam follow'd and met with good success therein and I imagined my following his steps in the same thing would meet with the like fortune.

In the 13th. Para. of the Committee's Report they remark that there are several Articles under the Head of the Account Repairs which ought to be carried to other Heads; of this I have been sensible ever since of my taking charge of this Factory, but as the Accounts have been carrid on in this manner ever since the Establishm^{t}. of this settlement, I could not make any alterations therein without an Order, and was the reason of my pursuing the same tract.

In the month of May if agreable to your Honr. &ca. the alterations shall be made and if it meets with your approbation the Servants that are now scatter'd under different Heads shall be brought under the General Head of Servants Wages and in future every Bricklayer, Cooley &ca. employed shall be mentioned & the Quantity of materials Expended particularized.

My not having particularized on what service the packing Stuff used in the months of June, July, August & Septemr. was Issued, proceeds from the many different services that calls for those Commodities and some so small as will be difficult to bring to Account tho in future as near as possible they shall be laid before your Honr. &ca.

I have made the Merchants acquainted with your Honr. &ca. Orders regarding the advancing them the Madrass Pagodas at 10 ℔ Cent advance to bring them into Current, which they very readily agree to, but desire I will acquaint your Honr. &ca. that the prices you have affixed to the Cloth do not agree to that calculation, especially the Midling in which there is a great difference and without an Alteration they cannot undertake to provide any, I have therefore sent enclosed their Calculation from the former Invoice Prices turned into the Current at 10 ℔ Cent. as also the prices set down by your Honr. &ca. with the difference and shall be glad of your Orders concerning it as soon as possible.

Enclosed comes the usual Papers for the last Month and I am

Ingeram
15th. April 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Foss Westcott.

A Calculate of the Cost of packing 100 White and 100 Brown Bales at Ingeram.

Gunnies	300 @ 6½ Pas. ℔ %	..	..	19	18 —
Twine	5 Md.	..	..	2	18 —
Ropes	Ca. 1 12	..	..	9	21 48
Cotton	10	..	..	17	18 —
Wax Cloth		..	..	80	20 —
Wrappers		..	..	64	21 —
				194	8 48
	Batta 10 ℔ Cent	..		19	15 20
				213	23 63

Brown

Gunnies	360	..	..	23	14 —
Twine	8 Md.	..	..	4	— —
Ropes	Ca. 1 15	..	..	10	18 —
				37	32 —
	Batta 10 ℔ Cent	..		3	24 64
				41	20 64

A Reduction of the Prices of Cloth sent from Ingeram from the former Invoice Prices into Current Pags. at 10 ℔ Cent as also the prices fixed by the President & Council with the Difference.

		Invo. Price.	Reduced into Currt. Ps. @ 10 ℔ ct.	Mds.	Difference.
Long Cloth Ordinary N°.					
	1	36 18 —	40 5 32	40 — —	— 5 32
	2	35 18 —	39 1 64	38 — —	1 1 64
	3	34 18 —	37 34 16	37 — —	— 34 16
	O 1	34 28 65	38 10 7	38 — —	— 10 7
	2	33 30 —	37 7 64	37 — —	— 7 64
	3	32 31 65	36 6 15	35 — —	1 6 15
Midling	1	55 — —	60 18 —	58 — —	2 18 —
	2	54 — —	59 14 32	55 — —	4 14 32
	3	53 — —	58 10 64	52 — —	6 10 64
Fine	1	70 — —	77 — —	76 — —	1 — —
	2	66 — —	72 21 48	73 — —	— 14 32
	3	60 — —	66 — —	70 — —	4 — —
Izzsy.	1	50 — —	55 — —	52 — —	3 — —

N°. 64.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &cA. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed is Duplicate of what we wrote your Honr. &cas. ℔ Mermaid Ship. We have laden on this Sloop likewise 700 Bags of Salt petre and eight Bales of Sannoes as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed amounting to C. Rups. 14040.

Mr. John Smith who commands the Syren Sloop has our directions to follow your Honr. &cas. Orders for his further proceedings after his Arrival at your Presidency.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obdt. Hble. Servants

Roger Drake *Junr.*
C. Manningham.
Paul Richard Pearkes.
W. Frankland.
J. Z. Holwell.
W. Mackett.
Edward Eyre.

Fort William
26th. March 1756.

N°. 65.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Success Galley we were favoured with Dupl. of your Letter under date the 11th. February the Original of which we have not as yet received.

Agreable to your request we have directed our Export W. H. Keepers to lade as much Salt petre on the Mermaid & Syren Sloops as each of them can conveniently take in. If the quantity they carry should not be sufficient to enable your Honr. &ca to return a Ship in September wholly laden from your Presidency, we can supply you with as much more as will be necessary by one of the ships of this Season, provided your Honr. &ca. dispatch her to us early enough to be returned in time to your place to proceed to Europe in September, in which case we request you will advise us if you should approve of our sending on her any proportion of Bales from this Presidency

As we shall be put to a great Inconveniency during the absence of those Sloops having only three more that are capable of remaining in Ballasore Road after the setting in of the S.W. Monsoon, we request your Honr. &ca. will not detain them longer than is absolutely necessary upon your Coast.

We beg leave to repeat our request for the supply of Redwood we have Indented for and that it may be forwarded by the earliest conveyances having little or none remaining on Ballance.

We are likewise to desire the Remittances of Treasure for this Season may be made in the following Proportions, one quarter in Bullion, one quarter in Madrass Rupees, & the remainder in Arcot Rupees.

Mr. Brooke having wrote for a ship to relieve the Prince George, we must leave it to your Honr. &ca. to comply with his request as it is not in our power to do it, we have with difficulty procured a small vessell on Freight to carry part of the Indents recd. from that Gentlemen.

Enclosed we transmit your Honr. &ca. Invoice & Bill of Lading of Sundrys consign'd you on this sloop Amotg. to C. Rs. 15100.

Mr. Alexander Scott has our directions to follow all such Orders as he may receive from your Honr. &ca. after his arrival at your Settlement.

The St. George was dispatched from Ingelee for Europe on the 29th. Ulto. and the Denham on the 12th. Instant.

We beg the favour your Honr. &ca. will forward the inclosed Letter for the President & Council at Bombay by the first Occasion and are

Fort William
26th March 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble Servants
Roger Drake *Junr.*
C. Manningham.
Paul Richard Pearkes.
W. Frankland.
J. Z. Holwell.
W. Mackett.
Edward Eyre.

P.S. A chinese Vessel havg. been cast away to the Eastward 12 of her Crew were taken up by a Ketch belongg. to this place & have been subsisted at the Compys. Expence during their residence here, they go to your Settlemt. on the Success Galley & we request your Honr. &ca. will provide for them till passage can be procur'd for them to their own Country.

N°. 66.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since writing the Accompanying Letter Imported here the Hunter Schooner from the Negrais, who brought us advice of their being very short of Provisions as you will more fully observe by the inclosed Copy of Mr. Brooke's Address, it has not been in our power to supply that Island sooner with the particulars they have Indented for, no Vessel being procurable to transport them. We shall lade & return the Hunter Schooner immediately with as much as she can carry & hope to Get the Vessel we have Freighted away in a few days.

The Gentlemen at Fort Marlbro have desired us to forward the Accompanying Packet to your Honr. &ca. We are

Fort William
29th. March 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. hble Servants
Roger Drake *Junr.*
Paul Richard Pearkes.
J. Z. Holwell.
W. Mackett.
Edward Eyre.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The only intention of our dispatching the Hunter Schooner to your Honrs. is to advise you that our Provisions are fallen short and therefore we entirely rely upon you as you tender the Lives of all persons on this Establishment and consequently the Establishment itself that you will please to find some means for our speedy releif, as we cannot be provided in this Country in its present distracted State with the most simple or common Necessaries of Life not even Salt.

We have already addressed you by these several conveyances from hence under date 17th. Octor. ℔ the Fatua Galley, 7th. Decr. ℔ the Boneta Sloop & 23d. Decr. last ℔ Ship Denham enclosing you our Indents by each of them all of the same Tenor and Date, we now take the liberty to inclose them to you by this Conveyance with this observation that as the Artificers, Cooleys &ca. cannot arrive here a long time before the commencement of the approaching Rains which generally begin in April & Continue six or seven Months with such violence that it will be impossible for them to Effect any thing material, and therefore they must become a heavy charge to little purpose, We for these reasons give it as our Opinion it would be prudent to strike off the Major part of these people from the List, and also that proportion of Victuals which woud have fallen to their share untill the latter end of October next which is the most convenient time of any in the Year for people to arrive here to carry on the works on this Island.

We have by this Conveyance drawn upon your Honrs in three Bills of Exchange Vizt. my third Bill payable to Mrs. Ursula Hammond for one thousand Rupees, my third Bill paya. to P. R. Pearkes Esqr. for three thousand six hundred & fifty Eight Rups. and two annas and my third Bill payable to Mr. Wm. Lindsay for two thousand Rupees amounting in the whole to Arcot Rupees 6658–2 which I hope you will please to Honor having received value here on Account and use of the Honble Company.

Capt. Thos. Hague of the Honble Compys. Ship Prince George has represented to me that he is obliged to pump every hour & that his ship is in so much need of Repairs that it will be very difficult if possible to keep her above Water during the next Rains, we therefore beg leave to represent to you that it is extreamly necessary to releive her, as well for the safety of the ship as the Convenience & protection of this Establishment.

Being greatly distressed for a Person to Navigate the Hunter Schooner to your place, we have been obliged to borrow the second Mate of the Prince George Mr. James Dalgleish for this present Voyage. We therefore entreat you will be pleased to Appoint some proper person with an Assistant or Mate to take upon him the charge and Management of this Vessell after their arrival here, and also two other Persons after their arrival here to be appointed in the same Stations for the Honble Company's Schooner Mary, now laying in this Harbour as these small vessels will be of very great service to this Establishment not only for its defence and Protection in case of a Country Invasion by Boats but they may also proceed to Sea to convey dispatches on any Emergency.

We entreat you will be pleased to return the Hunter to us with all convenient dispatch laden with Rice, Ghee, Wheat, Salt and Arrack and also that you will please to comply with the enclosed Indent.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble Servt.
Henry Brooke.

Negrais
19th. Febry. 1756.

℔ The Hunter Schooner.

No. 67.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our Advices of the 17th. Ulto. Duplicate of which is inclosed we have been favoured with yours of the 25th. & 26th. Febry.

We have discharged your Honr. &ca. draft for forty thousand (40000) A. Rupees in favour of Robert Orme Esqr. & herewith transmit second Bills of Exchange for Eighty thousand (80000) payable to your Honr. &ca. on Account the Foreign silver consign'd the Supra Cargo's of the Warren at Canton and as from the above a considerable Ballance will remain we desire your Honr. &ca. will remit it to the President & Council at Fort William by the first good conveyance advising us thereof.

Mr. Watson now proceeds with His Majesty's Squadron for your place and we take the Opportunity of forwarding the two Packets recd. from the Secret Committee which we thought it necessary to detain till now for fear of a miscarriage.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obdt. Servants
Richd. Bourchier.
Cha: Crommelin.
James Foulis.
W. Sedgwicke.
H. Symmons.
J. Byfeld.
Wm. Hornby.
J. Spencer.

Bombay Castle
25th. April 1756.

No. 68.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on your Honr. &ca. with the Accounts of this place for last month, the Account of Cloth in hand is also at foot hereof. I hope I shall ere long receive a large supply of Pagodas or my Investment must be greatly impeded.

I am with the greatest Esteem

Bandarmalanka
3d. May 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most
Obliged humble Servant
John Andrews.

Cloth on Hand.

		Cs	Ps
At the Washers	L.C.O.	67	11
	L.C.M.	17	4
	L.C.F.	19	6
		104	1

No. 69.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have now to forward Duplicates of our last Respects and the Monthly Accounts for March wait on your Honr. &ca. from the several employs as directed agreable to the List of the Packet enclosed.

The George was dispatched for Negrais the 20th. but did not leave us till two days after owing to an Accident of parting her Sheet Cable the Night before Capt. Newton receiv'd his sailing Orders and we had no people in Town to send off with the Bar Boats for weighing the Anchor.

What Paddy the George was able to take in we shipped on board & that quantity you will find was but small being greatly Lumber'd with other Stores and to make room for the Detachment sent on her and their necessary Baggage, besides the Commander judging it necessary to have her well Ballasted, had twelve Garce of Salt for it and to be as little as he could do with. Copy of the Invoice of the Cargo consign'd for Negrais comes herewith.

Ensign Meyers being out of Order could not proceed on the George & his Letter on the occasion with the Doctor's Certificate to him are inclosed. There is one private also belonging to the Detachment left behind sick in our Hospital.

Your Honr. &ca. packet received for Negrais was duly forwarded.

Our Farms expiring the 30th. Inst. we have sometime ago affix'd proper Advertisements at all our Gates for giving notice they were to be relet the 1st. next Month & to be sold by publick Outcry. We are with the greatest Respect

VIZAGAPATAM
24TH. APRIL 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obdt. & most HBle. Servants
CHAS. BODDAM.
MARMADUKE BEST.

LIST OF PACKET.

No. 1 General Letter dated 24th. April.
2 Dupl. Do. . . . 7th.
3 Do. . . . . 10th.
4 Copy of an Invoice sent ℔ Ship George for Negrais
5 Ensign Meyer's Letter.
6 Diaries & Consultations for April.
7 Paymrs. Accounts for March.
8 Increase & Decrease Do.
9 Wareho. krs. Account Do.
10 Storekrs Do. Do.
11 List of the Packet.

No. 70.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to inclose Journal Parcels & Cash Account for the last month and to request a further supply of Cash as your Honr. &cs. will perceive by the Account now sent that the late supply recd. has been advanced to the Merchants who have lately been very pressing with me for further Advances, which they say will enable them to procure a large quantity of Goods by the Septr. dispatch.

I have taken the liberty to inclose an Indent for Stationary wanting at this Settlement for this Year & remain

INGERAM
6TH. MAY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obdt. Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

INDENT FOR STATIONARY FOR THE USE OF INGERAM FACTORY FOR 1756.

Royal paper	..	..	..	..	12	Twelve	Quires	
Medium	..	..	..	..	24	Twenty-four	Quires	
Demy	..	..	..	..	24	Do.	do.	do.
Post	..	..	..	..	24	Do.	do.	do.
Fools Cap	..	..	..	..	24	Do.	do.	do.
London Arms	..	..	..	..	24	Do.	do.	do.
Quills	..	..	..	..	500	Five hundred		
Ink powder	..	..	..	..	16	Sixteen Papers		

INDENT FOR STATIONARY FOR THE USE OF INGERAM FACTORY FOR 1756—*cont.*

Red Tape		6 Six
Penknives		4 Four
Straps		2 Two
Hone		1 One
Pounce	lb.	1 One Pound
Rulers		2 Two
Ink Glasses		3 Three
Ivory Folders		3 Three
Scissars		2 Two Pair
Sealing Wax	lb.	1 One Pound

FOSS WESTCOTT
President.

N°. 71.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last Letter to you went from hence by the Honble. Company's Ship the Grantham that sailed on the 9th. May 1754. We have since received yours of the 14th. March 1753 and the 9th. March and to Novr. 1754.

As we indented for a pretty large quantity of Long Cloth of different prices and some Cotton stockings, in our advices under date of the 12th. April which we hope you will forward to us as soon as you conveniently can, we therefore desire to have the one ℔ Cent from your Settlement only in Arrack & Rice.

We herewith enclose to you the Annual List of Ships Arrival and departure to and from this Island and are

ST. HELENA
9TH. APRIL 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

CHAS. HUTCHINSON.
JOHN ADAMSON.
JOHN CLARK.

N°. 72.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF MADRASS.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last Advices was under the 24th. Febry. and this serves purposely to Advise that on the 27th. March our Honble Masters Ship Stretham call'd here in her way to Great Britain whither she sail'd the next day, and that ships Pelham and Duke of Dorset, both compleatly loaded at this Settlement, receᵈ. their final Dispatches from hence the 24th. Ultᵒ., likewise that our Honble Masters ship Houghton arrived here the 6th. Instᵗ. from Bombay bound to Canton, for which place she will sail in a few days.

After this Ship has taken in the quantity of Pepper order'd, we shall have remaining considerably more than one ships entire cargo of this Article, all of last Year's Crop, the price it bears this Year being so very exorbitant, as we have not been able to Contract for any, nor shall unless it falls greatly, which at present there is no Appearance of. We are

TELLICHERRY
8TH. MAY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

THOS. HODGES.
J. EVANS.
THOS. SATCHWELL.
HENRY JOHNSON.

No. 73.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have recd. your Favours of the 12th. & 20th., the Rupees and Pagodas p Bridgewater turn out agreable to Invoice, we have also recd. Twenty thousand Pagodas by Peons.

We have communicated your Orders to Capt. D'Illens & shall regulate his Company according to your Instructions.

Our Wareho.kr. is willing to undertake the packing of the Company's Bales on the Terms prescribed by your Honr. &ca.

Enclosed is an Indent for Stores we received from Capt. Calliaud which cannot be furnished from hence, we therefore thought it proper to forward it to you as he is in immediate want of those Articles.

We shall follow your directions relating to any Europe ships that may touch here, but as the Squadron recd. no Madeira Wine here last Year, we are at a loss to know what Quantity to land on their Account.

We have call'd upon Capt. Schaub's Officers for the Rolls of the Swiss Detachment and List of the English Prisoners which where [*sic*] at Pondichery, their Answer is that it is customary in their Corps to keep a regular Journal of all Occurrences which they suppose Capt. Schaub has done, but they were prevented from doing it by his Ordering the Serjeant Major never to make them any Reports of the Detachment, that they never saw any Rolls, he having always made them privately by Night and in every Respect kept them in Ignorance of all Transactions relating to his Company. We then demanded an Explanation from their Memorys in relation to the Detachments decreasing but by three Persons in 14 Months, and in October 1752 being reduced from 89 to 49 Men and the Prisoners in like manner. They declare that as they were kept so much in the dark they can say nothing positive, but that they never remember'd any remarkable sickness among the men or desertion except about thirty men that run away to Golcondah in August 1753 for which reason they think the sudden reduction in October 1752 to be impossible, that Serjeant Heim who always made out the Rolls for Captn. Schaub could no doubt give perfect Information of the affair if he were in the place, but that two days before the Captain set out last for Madrass he went away to Pondicherry, where Captain Schaub's Dubash informed them he had seen his Master pay him thirty Pagodas. Mr. Freshman has further acquainted

us that neither he or Mr. Huibert had ever recēd pay as volunteers tho' they had often asked for it as they understood they were charged in Capt. Schaub's Rolls at five Pagodas ℔ Month. We have Examined the Dubash who informs us that a few days before his master went to Madrass he sent Serjeant Heim to Pondicherry under charge of two Seapoys, that accompanying his Master thither, he saw him pay the Serjeant thirty Pagodas and heard him say he had the Captain's leave to go to Bengal and this is all the Information we have been able to procure but we shall use our Endeavours to bring Serjeant Heim from Pondicherry in hopes of Learning more of the Affair.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David
30th. May 1756.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obd̄t. Hb̄le Servants
Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

We now forward the second Copy of our General Books Ending 30th. April 1755.

Fort St. David 28th. May 1756.

A List of stores wanting to compleat Capt. Calliaud's Indent for the use of Trichenopoly Garrison Vizt.

Cannon Powder	150	Barrels
Fine D°.	50	D°.
Glazed D°.	3	D°.
Meal'd D°.	1	D°.
Gun Bitts of sizes	100	
Tann'd Hides	2	
Flat Rasps for Fuzees	3	
Half round D°.	3	
Europe Catridge Paper	10	Quire
Flannel for Catridges	3	Pieces
Wood Setters of sorts	12	
Pinchers for Fuzees	4	Pair
Weights & Scales	1	Sett
Plyers for fixing Shot	12	Pair
Sail Needles large	100	
D°. small	100	
Elaboratory Tools of all sorts a full set	1	
Bengal Twine	100	Skains
Hambró Line	6	D°.
Europé Canvass	5	Bolts
Spirits of Wine	6	Gallons
Brass Sheets	12	
Iron D°.	12	
Iron Square Bars	16	
Moscovy Lights	4	
Stillyards	1	
3 Inch Plank for Platforms for Batterys	26	
Joices for Sloopers for D°.	16	
2¾ Inch Plank to make Field Carriages	30	
Shot moulds of sorts each	1	
Spades	100	

Carpenter's Tools

Smoothing Planes	6	
Long D°.	6	
Jacks of sorts D°.	3	
Rabbit D°.	3	
½ Inch Fillister	2	
¼ round D°.	2	
Plane Iron of sorts	24	
Claw Hammers small	6	
Augers of sorts	24	
Tennet Saws	3	
Compasses	3	Pair
Pinchers	6	D°.
Rasps of sorts	6	
Two Rules	3	
Fish Skins	2	
Drawing Knives	2	
Saw Files	36	
Large Gimblets	6	
Europe Broad Axes	4	
D°. Hand Hatchets	4	

Coopers Tools

Compasses	2	Pair
Heading Knife	1	
Hand Hammer	1	
Grind Stone	1	
Ragg Stone	1	

Smiths Tools

Anvils	4	
Forge Bellows	2	Pair
Sledge Hammers	8	
Hand D°.	10	
Bench Vices	2	
Hand D°.	6	
Hand Rubbers	Files	12
Large Flat	D°.	24
Small D°.	D°.	24
Large ½ round	D°.	24
Small D°.	D°.	24
Small ½ D°. Bastard	D°.	12
Small ½ D°. Smooth	D°.	12
Large round	D°.	24
Small D°.	D°.	24
Large three Square	D°.	12
Small D°.	D°.	24
Large Square	D°.	12
Small D°.	D°.	24
Large Round Edged	D°.	24

SMITHS TOOLS—*cont.*				
Small Round Edged	Files	..	24	
Warding of sorts	D°.	..	48	
Knife Edged	D°.	... ..	24	
Save D°.	D°.	... ...	12	
Small round Edg'd for wood Screws	..	... ...	24	
Herron Bond D°.	..	.. ..	12	
Screw plate & Tap of sizes ..	..	.. ..	3	
Grind Stone	..	... ...	1	
Ragg	..	.. ..	6	
Flat Stabbs	..	... ...	12	
Collender, Munder & Lethe ..	..	... ...	1	
Turn Bench	...	... ...	1	
Large Beek Iron	..	... ..	1	
Small Bench	...	.. ...	2	
MILITARY STORES.				
Musket Flints	...	... ..	4 Casks	
Drum Cases	..	.. ..	6	

N°. 74.

To the Honble George Pigot
President & Govr. &ca. Council
at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 11th. Current came to hand Yesterday by which I am sorry to find the Peons I dispatched the 15th. of the last month with my reply to your Honr. &ca. commands of the 24th. March were not at that time received.

I shall be very Circumspect in regard to the French hereabouts & should they attempt any Hostilities shall not fail to give you immediate Notice thereof, but as I am apprehensive in such case (they being possess'd of the country thro' which our Peons must pass in their way to Madrass) they will take sufficient care no Advices shall reach you; I should think myself greatly deficient in the Trust reposed in me, if I do not make use of this Opportunity of Acquainting your Honr. &ca. with the Condition of this place that you may take the proper Methods for the security of the same should you judge it necessary to keep a Garrison here. In my Letter to the Board under date the 28th. Janry. 1755 I laid before you the then situation of it and requested your Permission for repairing the damage it had receed. in the preceding Monsoon, to which you wrote in Reply that if the Treaty took place the Works at Nellepille must be demolished; since which the last Rains we have had has greatly enlarged those damages, the Works are also much settled since they were first erected and will require a good deal to raise them to their proper heighth. The Garrison also consists for the most part of Topasses and sepoys and some of the former so old as to be scarcely capable of doing their Duty. The Europeans we have amount (including Serjeants and Corporals) to thirteen, all Foreigners and Deserters from the Dutch, besides which we have not amongst them one able to Level a Gun or throw a shell if occasion should require it. The amount of the repairs and other Additions necessary will I

imagine come to about 1000 Pagodas which should your Honr. &ca. think of doing I should be glad of [*sic*] a Person for carrying on such things may be sent to have the Inspection of it.

The supply your Honr. &ca. shortly purpose to send to Vizagapm. will be very acceptable to the Merchants as also for my Expences.

Enclosed comes Duplicate of my last and at the foot hereof is the Account of Cloth on Hand and I remain

INGERAM
15TH. MAY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

At the Wash

L.C.O.	54	17
L.C.M.	27	19
L.C.F.	15	1
Corge ..	97	17

No. 75.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT-ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I take this opportunity of a set of Vizagapatam Peons of Enclosing Duplicate of my last and to advise you of the quantity of Cloth in hand which is at the foot hereof being

INGERAM
25TH. MAY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

AT THE WASH.

L.C.O.	60
L.C.M.	30
L.C.F.	18
Corge	108

No. 76.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our Consultations and Monthly Accounts with our Committees Report for April now wait on you.

We also Transmit you the Account Remains of the Company's Plate and Furniture, with Copy of a Letter from Mr. Newton as we are entirely of his opinion in regard to things being vastly overrated we request your directions how to proceed.

Irshippa Chitty and Andeapah late Deve Cotah Renters are still indebted to the Company half a Year's Rent amounting to three thousand (3000) Pagodas which we have often demanded but they constantly plead they cannot pay till their Account of Juncan is setled, we therefore wait your orders how to proceed with them.

We forward you a Petition deliver'd us by the Trevendiporum Renters to which we beg your Answer.

Enclosed you will receive Indents for Stores for 1756 which are much wanted in this Garrison.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Hble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

Fort St. David
7th. June 1756.

Fort St. David 31st may 1756.

Indent of Sundry Stores wanting for the use of this Garrison for the whole year Vizt.

Iron Flat Barrs	800	Eight hundred Cwt.
Square Barrs	100	One hundred dº.
Bolt	100	One hundred dº.
Rod	100	One hundred dº.
Sloop	50	Fifty . . . dº.
Nails two penny	2	Two . . . dº.
three dº.	3	Three . . . dº.
four dº.	5	Five . . . dº.
Ten dº.	5	Five . . . dº.
Twentydº.	5	Five . . . dº.
Thirty dº.	5	Five . . . dº.
Forty dº.	5	Five . . . dº.
Scupper	1	One . . . dº.
Pump	1	One . . . dº.
Steel	5	Five . . . dº.
Bengal Oil	10	Ten Jarrs
Linseed dº.	2	Two dº.
Padlocks of sorts	48	Forty Eight
Stock locks small	12	Twelve
Chest Locks	12	Twelve
Moscovy Lights	12	Twelve
Dark Lanthorns	6	Six
Hand Bellows	6	Six pair
Pump Leather	6	six Backs
Sea Coal	100	One hundred Bags.
Speaking Trumpets	6	Six
Benacle Lamps	6	Six
Europe Canvass	40	Forty Bolts

INDENT OF SUNDRY STORES WANTING FOR THE USE OF THIS GARRISON FOR THE WHOLE YEAR VIZT.—*cont.*

Vittree	20 Twenty Bolts.
Log Lines	60 Sixty Skains
Hand d°.	20 Twenty d°.
Hambrò d°.	20 Twenty d°.
Seizing d°.	20 Twenty d°.
Deep Sea d°.	10 Ten d°.
Half hour Glasses	24 Twenty four
Anchors from 3 to 5 Qwt.	18 Eighteen
Grapnots 1 Qr. to 3 Qwt.	18 Eighteen
Tar	30 Thirty Barrels
Pitch	12 Twelve D°.
Brass Cocks	6 Six
Sail Needles	200 Two hundred

SMITHS TOOLS

Anvils	6 Six
Bellows	4 Four pair
Hand Vices	24 Twenty four
Bench d°.	6 Six
Pincers	12 Twelve pair
Sledge Hammers	6 Six
Hand d°.	12 Twelve
Screw plates small	6 Six
Beek Irons	6 Six

CARPENTERS TOOLS

Hand Saws	12 Twelve
Hand Hatchets	50 Fifty
Two foot Rules	12 Twelve
Gimblets	48 Forty Eight
Augers small	12 Twelve
Steel Compasses	12 Twelve pair
Grind Stones	4 Four
Cordage from 1½ to 4½ Inches	24 Twenty four coils
Rallines	12 Twelve
Teak plank of 1 and 2 Inches	200 Two hundred
D°. from 2½ to 5 D°.	150 One hundred and fifty
Sheathing Plank	500 Five hundred
Slittards	6 Six
Stationary Ware	5 Five chests
Joices	40 Forty
Timbers of sorts	100 One hundred

RICHD. FAIRFIELD
Storekr.

FORT ST. DAVID 8th JUNE 1756.

INDENT OF MILITARY STORES WANTING FOR THE USE OF THIS GARRISON VIZT.

Tann'd Hides Europe—	12 Twelve
Bulgar Hides	15 Fifteen
Powder Horns	24 Twenty four
Steel Bitts	200 Two hundred
Priming Wires	200 Two hundred
Brass Wire seives	12 Twelve
Hair Seives	12 Twelve
Spirits of Wine	40 Forty Gallons.
Chalk	2 Two hundred Weight.
Europe Cartridge paper	50 Fifty Rheams.
Bengal D°. D°.	100 One hundred Rheams.
Bengal Twine	2 Two Candy.
Wooden Drums	20 Twenty.
Brass d°.	15 Fifteen.
Drum cases	15 Fifteen.
Europe Catridge Boxes	100 One hundred.
Musket Flints	40,000 Forty thousand.
Firelocks of sorts	2,000 Two thousand.
Weights and scales	4 Four setts.
Flannels	20 Twenty piece.
Lawn	4 Four Piece.
Painting Brushes	100 One hundred.
Iron Guns 3 Pounder	10 Ten.

RICH^{D}. FAIRFIELD
M. Storek^{r}.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICH^{D}. STARKE ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

The Statements of each of the Journal Parcels, The Calculations and Additions of all the Accounts of this settlement for the Month of April have been Examined and are found right.

In the Military Storekeepers Accounts we observe the Articles of Cartouche Boxes and those of Hammers, Pickers & Worms to be a constant monthly Expence and particularly in this month's Account there are deliver'd out for the use of the Military and Seapoys 700 of the former and 800 of each of the latter, none of which by the Commandants Account now before us, Appears to be Issued out for Service, and indeed we are of Opinion that with proper care those Articles might last a good while, and consequently a considerable Monthly Expence be saved, we must further remark that the Commandant's Account of the Issues of Stores is by no means satisfactory in the method he draws it out at present. We think it ought to specify not only what stores are received and Expended, but how & the quantity of each sort remaining.

We are
WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obd^{t}. Hb̃le Servants
RICH^{D}. STARKE.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROB^{T}. SLOPER.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
3^{D}. JUNE 1756.

To the Worshll. Richd. Starke Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

Agreable to your Orders Communicated by Mr. Fairfield I now lay before you an Account of the Plate Furniture &ca. belonging to the Honble Company in which I have remarked the particulars which have been added since the last survey as well as the deficiencys of the whole. The prices affixed to the several Articles are as near as I could distinguish the same as charged in the Account taken in August 1754, but beg leave to observe that many of them (tho' charged at that price) are of very little or no Value, and the others in General very much over rated.

The Wooden Horses in the Steward's Account being so intermixt with those belonging to the Warehouses & Storehouses and no mark to distinguish one from the other, I could no other ways ascertain the number of them than by the last Account.

The particulars charged to the Hospital tho' nearly answerable to the last Account have many of them been received by Indent since and as some are daily Expended I humbly conceive it improper to continue them on the Stewards Accounts.

I am

Fort St. David — Worshll. Sir & Sirs

30th. May 1756. — Your most Obdt. Hble Servant

Andw. Newton.

To the Worshll. Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. David.

The Humble Petition of the Renters of Trevendiporum

Sheweth

That your Petitioners Cowle for five years Eight months commenced 1st. Novr. 1750. Old Stile, which had that stile continued would have expired Ultimo this month, but the new stile being eleven days forwarder the Expiration of your Petitioners Cowle is not till the 11th. July agreable to the act for all Rents and Obligations dated in the old Stile to be accounted for according to the said Stile, therefore your Petitioner's request conformable thereto as is most reasonable they may be allowed the said eleven days or they must be sufferers, which will in Duty bind your Petitioners

Ever to Pray.

No. 77.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am obliged by your Honr. &ca. favour of the 11th. May and observe what you say with regard to the present situation of Affairs should the Enemy attempt anything this way, I shall make the best stand I am able which I think they will not do till they are pretty sure of success, and before that time they must be Masters of all the Roads so that let the consequence be what it will, I believe it will out of my power to give your Honr. &ca. any Advice, as this place is surrounded by the River on one side, and thick Woods and Muddy

Creeks on the other, and no way of coming to it but by the common passage Places, which are four. A Battery thrown up at each of those Places would greatly strengthen us, if you think proper to be at that Expence. I shall likewise in case of any danger have a Vessel in Readiness to secure the Company's Effects.

In your Honr. &cas. favour of the 30th. March you are pleased to Intimate that your dependance was greatly on the Northern Settlements, and directed me to apply for what sums I might want. I accordingly did and Contracted with some indisputable People here for 700 Bales of Cloth and promised them a large and speedy supply not doubting but I should have been enabled to fulfill it, when I spoke of this Place in compari[s]on with Palicol it was in regard to its situation and present strength in both which Respects it is greatly superior abstracted from any Views of a War (in which possibly the Dutch might be Neuter) and of which I could have no certain knowledge at that time.

By the account of Cloth at foot hereof your Honr. &ca. will observe I have continued to provide the Midling Cloths not doubting but you will comply with the former price, if not I shall be glad to be advised soon, for as I am under Contract with the Merchants & cannot recede from that, the Loss would fall heavy on me, it is possible it may have been provided for that price at Vizagapatam, but then your Honr. &ca. will be pleased to consider that in general the necessaries of Life are at least 50 ℔ Cent cheaper there than here which will make Cooly Workmanship and all Manufacturers cheaper in proportion. I have likewise some reason to believe that the Fine Cloths provided that way are inferiour to those made in this part of the Country.

Enclosed come the Accounts of this place for last month and I am with the greatest Esteem.

BANDERMALANKA — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

JUNE 1756. — Your most Obdt. and most obliged Hble Servant

JOHN ANDREWS.

CLOTH ON HAND AT THE WASH.

L.C.O.	...	...	...	...	...	...	108	3
L.C.M.	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	17
L.C.F.	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	11
						Corge ...	172	11

No. 78.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have recd your favour of the 9th. Inst. and agreable to your directions shall open a set of Books as soon as you are pleased to return me the Account Remains that Mr. Smith carried with him, settled & adjusted under proper Heads with the Prices and if you would have me observe any particular Form or Method be pleased to point it out to me, and I shall strictly keep up to it.

The Monthly Accounts of this Settlement shall wait on you as soon as you are pleased to furnish me with those that Accompanied the Account Remains, as Mr. Smith acquainted me he would get them regulated agreable to those at your Place.

The Commandant acquaints me that here are two of the Military whose time is out, and are willing to renew their contract if they could be permitted to enter into the Train, please to favour me with your Orders thereon.

I am with the utmost Respect
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obd̄t. Hbl̄e Servant
Dawsonne Drake.

Deve Cotah
15th. June 1756.

No. 79.

To the Hon̄ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &cA. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you to enclose an Indent of Hospital Cloathing which we are much in want of.

I am with the utmost Respect
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obd̄t. Hbl̄e Servant
Dawsonne Drake.

Deve Cotah
16th. June 1756.

Cloathing wanted for the use of the Hospital at Deve Cotah Vizt.

Caps	100
Gowns	50
Shirts	100
Drawers	100
Pillows	50
Quilts	50

16th. June 1756. Joseph Hinchley.

No. 80.

To the Hon̄ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &cA. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

We have rec̄d. your favour of the 11th. and now enclose you Invoice and Bill of Lading for seventy Bales and sundrys for the Troop laden on the Hon̄ble Comps. Sloop Dragon, we also forward Invoice for thirteen six Pounders sent ℔ Success Galley.

We shall have about thirty Bales more ready in a few days which shall be sent you the first Conveyance that offers.

We are endeavouring to comply with your Orders relating to the Indigo and shall Acquaint you with our Success in three or four days.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Hble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.
Charles Turner.

Fort St. David
17th. June 1756.

No. 81.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Commands Accompanying a supply of five thousand (5000) Madrass Pagodas have been recd. as also Mr. Edward's report to the Board in reply to the Complaint of the Pagodas. I am sorry to find your Honr. &ca. should imagine I had not sufficiently explain'd myself when I said the Pagodas were complained of as deficient in Touch by which was meant that they did not come up to the true Standard of the Coin, in which sense I always understood that word. In reply to what Mr. Edwards says their being of their true Standard but only Allayed with Copper instead of Silver. The Soukars and Merchants hereabouts aver the Contrary they having assayed them and find them worse 5 ℘ Cent.

When I desired your Honr. &ca. Approbation of having all the servants belonging to this Factory put under the General Head of Servants Wages, I did not by that mean to have a fresh Head open'd in the Books for that purpose there being one already of that Import.

To what your Honr. &ca. have said concerning my last Years Investment permit me to say in reply that the complaint you have now made of the Ordinary being inferior to that of Vizagapatam has been the case ever since this place has been settled and it is absolutely not to be avoided, for in a Country where Fine Goods are properly the manufacture by which the Weavers are greater Gainers than by Ordinary it will be found very difficult to make them pay that Attention to the improvemt. of this Branch, as can be done in that Country where none but those sorts of Goods are made, which is the case of Vizagapatam, however as I have often already assured your Honr. &ca. no care shall be wanting to improve that Branch of the Companys Business under my Direction, and presume that my Fine equall'd if not surpassed that of Vizagapatam.

The Prices your Honr. &ca. affixed to the Package of the White Bales I agree to, tho' from the present price of Wax am afraid I shall be a loser.

The officer here has been Acquainted with your orders of his Cloathing all Recruits from the stoppages.

By Accounts daily recd. from Metchlepatam the French there are making warlike preparations with all expedition and Monsr. Bussy is shortly expected at Rajahmundrum from Golcondah.

The Accounts for this month are enter'd agreable to your Honr. &ca. Instructions as you will perceive by the Papers enclosed At the foot hereof is the Account of Cloth on Hand & remain with the greatest Respect.

INGERAM
6TH. MAY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obdt. Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

AT THE WASH.

L.C.O.	...	...	...	...	...	...	70 6
L.C.M.	...	...	...	...	...	...	35 3
L.C.F	...	...	...	...	...	...	22 10
						Corge	127 19

No. 82.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &cA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I am obliged by your favour of the 20th. May, the five thousand (5000) Pags. sent by the Neptune Snow have been duly recd. I have perused the Letter from Mr. Edwards you were pleased to send me and am very sorry to find that Gentleman expressing himself with so much warmth, I never Imagined that either he did, or that your Honr. &ca. would suffer him to Corrupt the Coin, so far from it that as soon as I was appraized that the Soukars and Government refused to receive them I sent my Vakeel to Peddipore, Rajahmundrum and all the Principal Places to insist upon the Goodness of the money & their taking it and threaten'd to Whip any Banyan in my Districts who should refuse to take them and at the same rate with the others, as to the Redness I imagined it to proceed from the Allay, as to the Touch it was out of my power to Assay it, nor did I melt any tho' some other people did.

I should be very sorry if I could not carry on the Compys business as cheap as any other Person, the difficulty with me in regard to Packing does not Lie in the Gunnys Ropes &ca. but in the Wax which I buy here at 77 Cur. Pas. the Candy of 480 lbs. however I shall nevertheless undertake it at your Price and shall so soon as the Books are closed give you Credit for the amount of Goods for Packing remaining May the 1st. and take the whole upon my Account.

I observe what your Honr. &ca. are pleas'd to remark in regard to the Investment, my utmost care shall be employed to improve the Manufacture and I think the goods are considerably better than they were three or four Years ago.

I am with the greatest Esteem

BANDERMALANKA
5TH. JUNE 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obdt. & most Obliged Hble Servt.
JOHN ANDREWS.

No. 83.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address to your Honr. &ca. bore date the 20th. Febry. last since when we have not recd any Advices from you.

Enclosed is a Packet for the Honble the President & Council of Bombay which we desire you will please to forward with all expedition.

The 28th. Ulto. our Honble Masters Ships Pelham & Duke of Dorset arrived here from Tellicherry & sail'd again the 30th. bound for Great Britain.

We are

Anjengo — Honble Sir & Sirs

31st. May 1756. — Your most Hble Servants

George Scott.
Peter Elwin Wrench.
Titus Scott.

No. 84.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Robert Clive Esqr. arrived here Yesterday Evening and Agreable to your Orders of the 18th. he was this day received at the Fort with the usual Honours when Richard Starke Esqr. the late Deputy Govr. deliver'd over to him the charge of this Settlement, & intends to proceed to Fort St. George as soon as his private affairs are settled.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David — Honble Sir & Sirs

23d. June 1756. — Your most Obdt. Hble. Servants

Robert Clive.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

No. 85.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Letter of the 15th. March I have recd. ₰ the Cuddalore Sloop which arrived here the 12th. Instt. with Captain John Howes appointed to releive me in the direction of this Establishment, and agreable to your Orders therein contained we proceeded the day following to take a full, true & perfect Inventory of all and every the Effects of the Honble Company on this place,

which we have compleated as well as time & Circumstances would permit to the utmost of our power as ℔ the inclosed Account interchangeably sign'd by us.

The several Papers, Bills, Notes and Accounts &c^{a}. which have come within the compass of my knowledge any wise relating to the Honble Company's affairs on this Establishment have been faithfully and truly deliver'd to him according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am

NEGRAIS — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

25TH. APRIL 1756. — Your most obd^{t}. Hble. Servant

HENRY BROOKE.

A LIST OF THE PACKET ℔ CUDDALORE CAP^{T}. BAKER.

N°. 1 General Letter.
2 Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. for Cash for January, Feb^{ry}. and March 1756.
3 The Inventory of the Honble Compys. Effects on the Island.
4 Occurrences and Transactions from 26th. Jan^{ry}. to 12th. April 1756.
5 Invoice of Teak Timbers.
6 Bill of Lading.

N°. 86.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.

PRESIDENT & GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

In pursuance of your Orders dated 15th. March I proceeded on board the Cuddalore Sloop & landed on this Island the 12th. of April.

An exact Inventory of the Honble Compys. Effects at this place has been taken by M^{r}. Brooke and by me and interchangeably sign'd by us.

M^{r}. Brooke has this day departed on his return to Fort S^{t}. George on board the Cuddalore to which Sloop he has given sailing Orders and at his departure deliver'd over to me the charge of the Settlement.

The more frequently I am honour'd with your Orders the Happier I shall esteem myself being

NEGRAIS — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

25TH. APRIL 1756. — Your most Obd^{t}. most Hble. Servant

J. HOWES.

N°. 87.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.

PRESIDENT & GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have receď. your favours of 11th. & 20th. last month and the money advised to be sent ℔ Neptune Snow has safely been deliver'd which the Gentlemen at the other Northern Settlements have had their Proportions forwarded agreable to your Intentions and we esteem ourselves obliged to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for the part allotted us.

It shall be our particular care to station Peons at convenient distances between Ganjam and this Place for the more ready receiving and communicating Intelligence in the way your Hon^r. &c^a. have prescribed, from and to the Chief of Ballisore and we are of Opinion it would not be amiss likewise to have proper stages placed for forwarding Letters from hence to Madrass.

Our Wareh^o.k^r. Acquaints us the lowest rate he can contract for undertaking the Package of the Company's Bales is at $2\frac{1}{4}$ Star or Curr^t. Pagodas ℔ White Bale and 18 fanams ℔ Brown Bale, without apprehending his being a sufferer by it, from the prices with us of Gunnies and the other Articles of packing stuff and these are our proposals for it on the most exact calculation exclusive of Packers wages, or any other incidental charges of Chop seeds for marking Oil &c^a. used in the Warehouse.

Your Hon^r. &c^a. may rest assured for receiving as large a proportion of the Uppara Ordinary as possibly can be procured of our whole Investment & we are extremely sorry to Observe that from other parts in this kind of our Manufacture has not answerd your expectations and our wishes, which we shall not fail to caution the Merchants for those cloths mostly complained of, their bringing it better in future, and we may faithfully assert to your Hon^r. &c^a. your directions are strictly adher'd to of attending to the measuring part, and no Cloths are taken in by us here that are not of the proper Lengths & bredths, as you will find by the quantity recēd. of O and S Chop, the measure of the former being 71 Covids in length and 2 Covids 5 Inches broad and all under that accepted of is of the other Denomination.

For that provision of Upparra Ordinary your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleased to recommend to us, the only Effectual means we know of to encourage it, and for putting your Commands in Execution, is supplying us with a good stock of Pagodas to advance the merchants and no Endeavours shall be wanting on our parts to get the very utmost Quantity we can of it and may we further entreat the sum of a Lack of Rupees for that part of our Northern Investment we are furnished with, as what money hitherto sent us this season has been so scanty to be of little consequence towards it and the forwarding small sums at different times we humbly offer to your Consideration does not answer the purpose so well for engaging the Merchants in a large and certain number of Bales, as that advantage of a more early and full supply would undoubtedly have added.

Enclosed we forward your Hon^r. &c^a. those Accounts order'd to be taken in your Letter of 24th. March last of all Wares, Stores and Military Stores remaining in the Settlement to Ult^o. April and in consequence thereof you will likewise receive the seperate Reports deliverd in from the Warehousekeeper & Storekeeper of such deficiencys or other damages sustained by them in their respective employs for your particular notice and directions thereon and also the several Indents now wait on you for what is wanted at this place, hoping you will be pleased to comply with them and only in such Articles presented to you, especially for Garrison service, to favour us with the same sorts & quantities & of the best.

The 1st. last month we put up at Outcry the sundry Farms, Villages and Salt pans usually rented here of the Compy. and they were relet at the following rates.

	Former Rent.	Present Rent.
Waltair Town & Saltpans	Rup^s. 1500	R^s. 2652
Maleaporam Town D^o.	1500	1913
New Saltpans	200	1102
Beetle & Tobacco	863	990
Pasque Juncan	1013	1400

	Former Rent.	Present Rent.
Parrier Arrack	Rups. 751	Rups. 801
Measuring Duty	112	232
Oil Duty	150	170
Bang Duty	31	87
Manilha Maker	16	16
Quit Rent from 300 to 350 and ..	400	600

This last was not in the common Course with the others of Farming it out, but we found it liable to impositions from the Person who had been used to collect it, to imagine the Compy. had not the real benifit arising therefrom and we were implicitly to take the Account of the Hovildar as he should give, which in almost every Kistee varied something from no sufficient reasons assigned to be on any certainty what was collected and therefore presumed it best to offer that also for sale together with the rest, of fixing it in a more regular way, by granting a Cowle to the Proprietor or Proprietors that he or they should not exact from the Inhabitants anything beyond what had heretofore been properly charged & recd. of them, by which this part of our Honble Master's Revenues is now encreased at least one third more than had formerly been paid for it.

We have recd. the Account Sortment inclosed under cover of your last and Mr. John Lewin Smith arrived here on the Neptune Snow.

We have the honour to transmit our Monthly accots. in General for April as ℔ List of the Packet and to advise at the foot hereof the Cloth on hand.

We are with the greatest Respect

Vizagapatam
7th. June 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your mos Obdt. & most hble Servts.

Chas. Boddam.
J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best

List of Cloth on Hand.

L.C.O.	...	...	...	...	Co.	643 6
L.C.F.	...	...	...	...		133 12
S.O.	...	...	...	...		14 11
S.F.	...	...	...	...		5 6

To Charles Boddam Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

I herewith lay before you an Acct. Remains of Wares this day in our Warehouse agreable to the orders from the Presidency, upon examining the several Articles the following particulars appear to be damaged. Vizt.

Broad Cloth fine Scarlet 13½ seemingly by Sea Water.

Emboss'd Carpets 12 full of holes eat by Worms of which you will please to acquaint the President & Council of Fort St. George for their directions thereon. I am

Vizagapatam
30th. April 1756.

Gentlemen
Your most Obdt. Servant
J. L. Smith
Wareho.kr.

To Charles Boddam Esq^R.
Chief &c^A. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Agreable to the orders of the Honble the President & Council of Fort S^t. George, there has been an exact Account taken of all Military & other stores remaining this day in the Garrison and the following is an account of what are deficient & the reasons for the said Deficiencys which I beg leave to lay before you to be transmitted the Presidency.

House Necessarys Viz^T.

State Flags	2	Worn out.
Clasp Cott	1	broke.
Old Chairs	30	broke and useless.
Clock	1	Unserviceable.

Kitchen Utensils Viz^T.

Copper Potts	3	Worn out.
Pudding Pans	2	
Pottage Pott	1	
Copper & brass Covers for Dishes	14	
Frying Pan	1	

General Stores Viz^T.

Turn Pikes or Cheval de Frizes	5	Barrs broke & Decayed.
Iron Crows	5	worn out.
Hand or Sack screws	2	Ditto.
Compass Glasses	4	broke.
Compass Cards	6	Ditto.
Brass Cocks	2	Ditto.
Blocks of sorts	10	Ditto.

Armoury Stores Viz^T.

Wooden Drums	2	Worn out.
Files of sorts	90	D^o. and broke.
Cartouch boxes	100	D^o.
Rasps	4	D^o. D^o.
Frogs	100	D^o.
Bayonet Scabbards	50	D^o.
Belts	60	D^o.
Sword D^o.	50	D^o.
Stings	50	D^o.
Darning boxes	21	D^o.

Arms Viz^T.

Bayonet Pieces	50 and 30	Bayonets unserviceable
Carbines	6	Broke.
Pistols	4	D^o.
Ammunition Swords	20	Unserviceable.
D^o. D^o.	7	broke
Hangers	2	D^o.
Hanger blades	2	D^o.

Gunner's Stores Viz^T.

Tarpaulins	7	worn out.
Hand Spikes	13	Broke and decayed.
Zadles & Worms	5	Worn out.
Iron Crow feet	600	decayed by Rust.
Pick Axes	10	worn out.
One hour Glasses	2	broke.
Granado Fuzees	100	D^o. and lost.
Iron Shott of sorts	484	deficient.
Cohorn shells	22	broke and lost.
Hand Granadoes	22	broke and lost.

GUN CARRIAGES VIZ^{T}.

9 lb^{s}.	.. Train Carriages	..	2
4	.. Truck D^{o}.	.. ..	4
3	.. D^{o}. D^{o}.	.. ..	2
3	.. Train D^{o}.	.. ..	1
			9 Worn out and broke.

the deficiency in the Article of Iron Shott is occasioned by some being expended against the Morattas when they Invested the place in April 1754 which were omitted to be wrote off in that Years Books, likewise 85 shot being short deliver'd of the Inv^{o}. ℔ Cuddalore Sloop in Septr. 1755 as mentioned in a General Letter to the Presidency dated 3^{d}. Feb^{ry}. last as also by some being lost and broke.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most Ob^{dt}. H^{ble} Servt.
MARMADUKE BEST.
Storek^{r}.

VIZAGAPATAM
30TH, APRIL 1756.

INDENT of Wares wanting at Vizagapatam Factory May 1756.

BROAD CLOTH FINE.

Scarlet	6 Bales.	
Emrald Green	1 d^{o}.	
		7 Bales.

BROAD CLOTH ORDINARY.

Red	6 Bales.	
Grass Green	1 d^{o}.	
Blue	1 d^{o}.	
		8 Ditto.
BROAD CLOTH AURORA	..	6 Ditto.

PERPETUANOES ORDINARY.

French yellow	1 Bale.	
Common d^{o}.	1 d^{o}.	
Blue	1 d^{o}.	
		3 Ditto.

FACTORIES PROVISIONS.

Stationary	1 Box.	
Madeira Wine	10 Pipes.	

J. L. SMITH,
Wareh^{o}. K^{r}.

VIZAGAPATAM FACTORY 1st MAY 1756.

INDENT for Stores wanted at this factory.

GENERAL STORES VIZ^{t}.

Rod Iron	3 lb.	
Hoop Iron	3	
Sheat Lead	8	
Spike Nails	5	
Scupper Nails	1 Q^{r}.	
Pump Nails	1	

Europe Canvass	20 or 30 Bolls of N°. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.
Spades	10
Padlocks	30
Brass Locks for doors of sorts	12
Iron Crows	6
Deep Sea lines	10
Europe Twine	4 m^{d}.
Wood Oil	1 Jar.
Steel Compasses	6 p^{r}.
Pincers	4 p^{r}.
Gimblets of sorts	50
Red Lead	10 m^{d}.
Two foot rules	6
Gauging Rod	1

GUNNERS STORES Viz^{t}.

Cordage	8 or 10 Coils of 1, 2, 3 and 4 inch rope and 5 or 6 coils Railing.
One hour Glasses	4
Half D°.	10
Tin Lanthorns	20
Pump Leather	2 Backs.
Pick Axes	10
Pitch	12 Barrels.
Junk	20 Fathoms.

ARMOURY STORES Viz^{t}.

Wooden Drums	2
Drum Heads	50

ARMS Viz^{t}.

Muskets and Bayonets	100
Carbines	50
Ammunition swords	50

ANCHORS.

2 pz^{s}. 6 or 7 ℔ W^{t}.
2 4 5 d°.

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VIZAGAPATAM 1ST. MAY 1756.

MARMADUKE BEST.
Storek^{r}.

VIZAGAPATAM FACTORY 1ST MAY 1756.

INDENT for Ordnance and Stores wanted at this Factory Viz^{t}.

IRON ORDNANCE.

9 lb^{rs}.	3
4	4
3	2

BRASS ORDNANCE.

3 lb^{rs}. with Carriages and Limbers compleat	2
8 inch Hobits Do. Do.	1

MORTARS.

5½ inch	2

SHELLS. 8 Inch	200	
STORES		
Linstocks armed and Screws	10	
Worms of Sorts Viz^{t}.		
18 lb^{rs}.	4	
12	6	
9	6	
6	4	
3	10	
Tumbrils compleat	2	
6 Inch Fuzees	250	
5½	200	
4½	200	
Hand Granadoes	500	
GUNPOWDER Viz^{t}.		
Country Coarse	70	Barrels.
Europe Fine	10	D^{o}.
Europe Coarse	20	D^{o}.

VIZAGAPATAM 1st. MAY 1756.
MARMADUKE BEST
Mility. *Storek^{r}*.

LIST OF THE PACKET.

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4 Acc^{t}. Coinage of Dubs from 1st. May 1755 to Ult^{o}. April 1756.
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7 Increase & decrease for April.
8 Wareh^{o}.k^{rs}. Accounts for D^{o}.
9 Storek^{rs}. D^{o}. D^{o}.
10 Acco^{t}. Remains of the Warehouse.
11 D^{o}. D^{o}. Stores & Military Stores.
12 Report from the Wareh^{o}.k^{r}. of deficiencys &c^{a}. in the Warehouse.
13 D^{o}. . . . Storekeeper.
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No. 88.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have recd. your Favour of the 22d. & now forward you a List of the Company's Plate & furniture and beg leave to observe we sent you a List the 8th. with our Accounts.

Our Deputy Govr. has demanded his Allowances as such from the time of his Arrival at Bombay, we must request your Honr. &ca. will send us your directions on that Head.

The Hospital Cloathing for Deve Cotah shall be made up and sent thither as soon as possible.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obdt. Hble. Servants
Robert Clive
&ca. Council.

Fort St. David
28th. June 1756.

No. 89.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have recd. your favour of the 26th. Ulto. with the several papers enclosed your Instructions in respect to our Accounts shall be punctually complied with and we shall not fail to give Cawn Moodelair and Tennevoroy Pillah all the assistance in our power for the recovery of their just debts.

The Dragon Sloop shall be returned with our remaining Bales as soon after her arrival as possible.

Our Consultations and Monthly Accounts for May now wait on you.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obdt. Hble Servants
Robert Clive.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robert Sloper
Charles Turner.

Fort St. David
8th. July 1756.

To the Worshll. Robert Clive Esqr.

Deputy Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

We have examined the Accounts of this Settlement for the month of May in respect to which we have nothing material to remark, the Calculations & Additions are all right.

We are
Worshll. Sir & Sirs
Your most obdt. Hble Servants
Robert Clive.
Hugh Norris.
Robert Sloper.

Fort St. David
30th. June 1756.

No. 90.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is to forward a Bengal Packet we are desired to send express to your Honr. &ca. & as it contains advices of the utmost importance we were not willing to lose a moments time in dispatching it.

We are

Vizagapatam, Honble Sir & Sirs

25th. June 1756. Your most obdt. & most Hble. Servants

Chas. Boddam.
J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best.

No. 91.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We were favoured with your Commands under date the 9th. Instt. ℔ Syren Sloop to have had it forwarded to us from Bimblepatam the Master informing of his putting in there from the bad weather he met with in his passage for this place to occasion his falling to Leeward and the Treasure sent on her has since been receđ. here to be brought overland.

Your Honr. &ca. Packets with the money for the Gentn. at the other Northern Factories have been conveyed to them & we are extremely thankfull to you for our supply.

The Arcot Snow is not yet compleated in her repairs and as soon as she will be ready to receive her Cargo we shall have one of Rice to put on board her and your directions shall be particularly attended to in discharging all arrears of wages due to the time of dispatch, as well as the advancing four months Impress for the further use of that Vessel and this leads us to acquaint your Honr. &ca. that by defraying these Expences & providing a Cargo of Rice for her necessarily takes off so much of our Cash here from the service of our Investment to lessen it greatly, and entreat your Consideration of it in a larger supply.

Capt. Bibb does not think it adviseable to sail from hence before the month of August for the better securing his passage to the Negrais.

Your Honr. &ca. have been pleased to tell us you had sent on the Syren Sloop a Reinforcement of thirty one Military for the service of our Garrison and these Men are arrived, but we think it a duty incumbent on us to Represent to you most of them are render'd incapable of service thro' the misfortune of wounded Limbs and other infirmities & beleive they have been draughted from the Invalids and Pensioners at your place, of rather being a burthen to us for adding to the no small number of these we had before. Capt. Beaver on his arrival took the Command of our Garrison agreable to your Appointmt.

The Commission appointing Mr. John Elly a Lieutent. Fireworker has been deliver'd him and he returns your Honr. &ca. his most gratefull thanks for the favour conferr'd. Ensign Meyers likewise desires his due acknowledgments for your permitting him to remain here.

There was an Abstract Accompanying your Honr. &ca. Packet ℔ Syren of Treasure sent here by the Neptune Snow and as it no ways Corresponds for what money then receđ. by her conformable to your Advices, we apprehend it is some mistake of a Paper inclosed not belonging to us & therefore return it.

Capt. Smith of the Syren Sloop presenting a Bill for payment & some charges therein Appearing extraordinary to us, we acquainted him it was more than we could take upon us to comply with, on which he desired his demand might be referr'd to your Honr. &ca. you will be pleased to favour us with your directions if the same is to be allowed him as ℔ Copy of his Bill inclosed or what part only thereof.

We shall be obliged to your Honr. &ca. for informing us if charges Merchandize should not be debted in our Books for the whole of the Packing Stuff on the Bales sent from hence it having been our practice heretofore to debt the same only, for that on the Bales taken in and dont find any is deliver'd with the turn'd out Cloth, therefore presume the Packing Stuff of such is also expended on the Company's Account in the service of your Warehouse.

As your Honr. &ca. have directed us in your last Letter to inform you what number of Bales may be expected from us by September, we judge on a moderate computation for having then pretty near seven hundred Bales to send you and a List of our Cloth on Hand now waits on you.

Enclosed are our Monthly Papers as ℔ List of the Packet and we are with the greatest Respect.

Vizagapatam,
28th. June 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. hble Servants
Chas. Boddam.
J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best.

List of Cloth on Hand.

L.C.O.	Co.	700	9
L.C.F.		145	11
S.O.		18	3
S.F.		6	6

P.S.—After signing the foregoing & our Packet ready to be clos'd we have receđ, the accompanying for your Honr. &ca. from Bengal, that we are sorry for the Unfortunate news you will be advised therein as it was sent to us open for perusal.

Chas. Boddam.
J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best.

The Honble Company	Dr.
To Diet for 31 Military for 9 days at 8 fas. ℔ day the Exchange @ 11 fas. ℔ Rupee.	203
To Expence of Pallankeen hire from Bimblepatam and back	7¼
To two Boats of Water	4
To Diet for Capt. Bibb & Officer for 9 days Do. @ Rs. 3 a day each ..	54
To my daily Expences for 7 days @ 3½ ℔ day	24½
To Potts for dressing the Victuals for the Military	3
Rups. ..	295¾

Vizagapatam,
18th. June 1756.

℔ John Smith.

List of the Packet.

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5 Copy of a Bill from Capt. John Smith.
6 Abstract rec^{d}. from Fort S^{t}. George.
7 Paymaster's Account for May.
8 Increase & Decrease D°.
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No°. 92.

To the Honble George Pigot
President & Governour &c^{t}. Council of Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Syren I receiv'd your favour of the 11th. with the supply of (10000) Ten Thousand Madrass Pagodas.

Your orders concerning the price of the Middling Cloth the Merchants have been acquainted with, and they are contented therewith, I have also talked with them concerning the Quantity of cloth they will be able to bring in by the latter end of August, and they desire me to inform your Honour &c^{t}. that they are in expectation of making up (300) Three hundred Bales if no unforeseen accident intervenes. The French have been for some time past repairing their Factory at Yanam, and have now appointed a proper Resident to be there to carry on their Investment.

The Account Sortment of Cloth has been Received, and my Books shall be closed and sent as soon as the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam send me their Account Current.

I shall pay due regard to what your Honour &c^{t}. says in your Postscript regarding the Fortifications here.

At the foot hereof is the Account of Cloth on Hand & enclosed is Duplicate of my Last which concludes from

Ingeram,
24th. June 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servant
Foss Westcott.

L.C.O.	101	16
L.C.M.	40	—
L.C.F.	25	—
Corge .	166	16

No. 93.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have duly received your Honr. &crs. favours of the 9th. Instant, Ten Thousand (10000) Pagodas by the Syren Sloop are also come safe to hand. By the Account of Cloth at foot hereof you will Observe that I have now 160 Bales on Hand, and believe shall not send less than three Hundred in September, if nothing unforeseen happens and the Rainy season (which is now sett in) does not hinder us to much possibly more.

I Observe the Remarks on the Prices of the Midling Cloths the Investment in that Article shall be carried on agreable thereto. Agreable to the Sortments of Cloth Received I have closed these Books, one sett of which comes herewith, the other shall be sent as Occasion Offers.

Your Honr. &ca. will observe a difference of Seventy five Pagodas between the Ballance of the Cash in our Books in April and the Ballance of the Cash Account for that Month as sent You from hence, which is owing to an Error in Casting up the Credit of the Cash in January last of Twenty five Pagodas and an Omission of Fifty Pagodas to the Credit of the Cash in February 1754, the books are right and agreable to them we have now adjusted our Running Cash.

I am with the greatest Esteem

Bandarmalka,
July 1st. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most Obliged
Humble Servant
John Andrews.

Cloth on Hand.

L.C.O.	...	...	...	...	...	...	151	16
L.C.M.	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	3
L.C.F.	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	9
					Corge	...	253	8

No. 94.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Ship George imported here the second Instant with the Sundry Stores freighted on her for the use of this Settlement, we have mounted some Guns on her, and she now lies here as a Guard Ship in the place of the Ship Prince George which in pursuance to your Directions we have this Day dispatched to Bengall in order to the being repaired and have paid off her wages and Disbursements to the end of last month.

The Chief Use made of the Ship George is as a Magazine and Granary for some part of our Ammunition and Grain it not being adviseable to keep all our stores on shore where our thatched Godowns are every day liable to fire either by Villany or Accident, when we shall be able after the Rainy months to build a Magazine and Granary with Bricks, the Expence of a Guard ship may be saved, and I shall then discharge her from the Company's service, and advise you of the time of my doing so that the Demurrage may be settled.

Seventeen of the Thirty Military Received here from on board the Ship George were immediately conveyed to the Hospitall so that the probable Death of some of those men is not wholly to be attributed to the unholsomeness [*sic*] of this Island.

I am

NEGRAIS, HONBLE SIR & SIRS

MAY 11TH. 1756. Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

J. HOWES.

No. 95.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CTA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your favours of the 13th. April & 11th. Instant and shall take care to have the Prince George thoroughly repaired on her Arrival here.

The Treasure your Honr. &cta. Consigned us on the Fortune Ketch has been landed and turns out right.

Conformable to your Request we shall direct our Resident at Balramgurry to station Peons between that place and Ganjam for expediting any advices it may be necessary to send to or receive from your Honr. &cta., we shall likewise give him Orders to forward every intelligence that may be material of all Vessels appearing in Ballasore Road to the Chief at Vizagapatam.

From the advices transmitted us by our Honble Masters ℔ Delawar, there is great reason to apprehend a War between the Crowns of Great Britain and France is unavoidable, and we are directed (in consequence of the present situation of affairs in Europe) to be strongly on our guard and in constant readiness in every respect to defend their Estates Rights and Priviledges. We think it therefore incumbent [on] us to inform your Honr. &ca. how defective we are of Europeans in our Garrison at present owing chiefly to the detention of the Recruits designed for some years past for this Presidency. A List whereof we now enclose for your observation Amounting in the whole to 663 private men which we have not objected to hitherto, as the troubles upon your Coast made such a measure necessary, and we had no immediate occasion for them at this place. But the present appearances of a War with France, and the little reliance there can be put in black Portuguese Soldiers in case of our being attacked prompts us to request your Honr. &ca. will supply us with as large a Reinforcement of Military as you can possibly spare, should the War be actually declared, that we may have it our power to make a vigorous defence, which We flatter ourselves you will not omit as the safety of this settlement your Honr. &cta. are sensible must be of the utmost importance to [our] Employers.

We are likewise in great want of Musquets having very few in our stores and most of those but indifferent.

By the Mermaid and Syren Sloops we Consigned your Honr. &cta. 1350 bags of Salt Petre agreable to your Request for sending you two of our Sloops laden with that article. What quantity you may have occasion for We shall supply you with upon receiving your Indent.

Nabob Ally Ver de Cawn demised the 10th. of last month, and has been succeeded in the Government of these Provinces by his adopted Son, Sur Rajah Dowlat, who is in quiet possession of the Subaship.

We request your Honr. &cta. will forward the enclosed Packet for the President and Council of Bombay by the first Pattamar you may dispatch thither.

We are

FORT WILLIAM,
THE 25TH. MAY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Humble Servants

ROGER DRAKE *Junr.*
C. MANNINGHAM.
PAUL RICHARD PEARKY
W. FRANKLAND.
J. Z. HOLWELL.
W. MACKETT.
EDWARD EYRE.
W. BAILLIE.

A RETURN OF MILITARY RECRUITS, DESIGNED FOR THIS SETTLEMENT FROM EUROPE AND STOPT AT FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL THERE.

Anno 1750	℔ Hardwick	61	112
	Duke of Dorsett	51	
1751	℔ Scarborough	70	156
	Dragon	24	
	Wager	62	
1752	Godolphin	68	68
1753	Elizabeth	53	168
	Egmont	62	
	Falmouth	53	
1754	York	64	159
	Denham	64	
	Norfolk	31	
	Total ..		663

GEO: MINCHIN.

No. 96.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CTA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote you under date the 25th. Ultimo Duplicate of which letter we now enclose.

Since the date of that address we have been involved in a dispute with the country Government the event of which remains undetermined as yet, and as we esteem our present situation extremely critical from the capricious disposition of our Nabob, We shall trouble your Honr. &ca. with the occasion of the dispute between us, with our Sentiments upon his Conduct, and what we conceive proper for the Securit[i]es of the Honble Company's Estates Settlements Rights and priviledges in those provinces.

In consequence of the Intelligence your Honr. &c. gave us in your Letter of the 13th. April we ordered our line of guns next the River to be repaired and strengthened, that we might be as well prepared in case of a rupture with

France as our present works would admit of, this was accordingly begun upon, immediately, and is now very near compleated, sometime after the President receiv'd a Perwannan from the Nabob giving him to understand that he had heard from good authorites [*sic*] that we were enclosing the town of Calcutta with a strong Wall and a Ditch, which he by no means approved of, and therefore insisted that We immediately destroy'd the Works we had begun and fill up the Ditch we were digging. In reply to this Perwannan the President acquainted him that he had been very much misinformed in relation to the works we were carrying on, having dug no Ditch since the Invasion of the Marrottoes and that we were only repairing our Wharf towards the River which was much damaged and in a bad condition. We were in hopes this answer would have proved satisfactious [*sic*], but contrary to our expectation, M^r^. Watts and his Council at Cossimbuzar on the 25th. of last month Informed us the Nabob had taken great offence at the Reply, and had ordered a party of Horsemen to be stationed on their Factory. Upon the Receipt of this advice the President has a second time addressed the Nabob (as well as several of the Durbar Officers) upon this proceeding of his, what effect it will have we do not as yet know, nor are we able to Judge but from the purport of three Letters (copy's of which we transmit enclosed for your observation) receiv'd from the gentlemen at Cossimbuzar within these two days, we are very apprehensive matters will be carry'd to extremeties there, unless we comply with his peremptuous orders for destroying our works; But as such a Condescension would subject our Flag to the greatest contempt, and render it impossible for us to Transact the Business of our Employers with any safety we are determined not to submit to such arbitrary terms, which if once complyed with we must ever after expect continual trouble upon every frivulous pretence. In order to maintain this Resolution and repel force by force should we be attacked (pursuant to our Honble Masters Commands) We are necessitated to Demand of your Hon^r^. &ca. by the first Conveyances that offer the Recruits detained at your Presidency and intended for this settlement or at least a reinforcement of 500 European soldiers well trained and Disciplined with a proportionable quantity of arms and stores.

We hope your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will not on any Account, neglect to supply us with the Troops we have demanded, the known temerity of our present Nabobs character making it absolutely necessary, to be always on our guard, and in a capacity to resent any Insult or Injury that may be offered us as well as to preserve the property of our Employers from Plunder, These Considerations induce us to Repeat our Demand, on behalf of the Honble Company, for a strong Body of Military by the first conveyances that offer for this place and as the consequence of either omitting or even delaying to send us such a reinforcement as we have demanded may be very fatal to our Honble Masters Affairs in these provinces We shall not deem ourselves Responsible for what may happen should your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Refuse, neglect or Defer complying with our above request.

For our further security we think it adviseable that your Hon^r^. &c^a^. would make Admiral Watson acquainted with the purport of this Letter.

The Prince George imported here a few days since and we have directed our Master Attendant to give her a compleat Repair after which (If we do not in the interim receive any Orders from you in regard to her destination) We shall consign her to M^r^. Howes, with Stores and Artificers for the Use of the Negrais with orders to proceed from thence to your Presidency.

The Owners of the Fortune Ketch have relinquished the Freight your Hon^r^. &c. had agreed to pay for the treasure consigned us on that Vessel, and as the Honble Company give their servants a permission to send money and necessaries upon their ships Freight free, we imagine you may always forward any supplies for this place without paying Freight upon a proper tender of it to the Commanders of any Vessels belonging to our Settlement.

We purpose to address your Honr. &ca. again the latter end of this month with a Packett for our Honble Masters to be forwarded home by the Delawar.

Enclosed we transmit you a Letter from Captain John Howes, which we received by the Prince George & are

Fort William,
the 4th. June 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Roger Drake *Junr.*
C. Manningham.
W. Frankland.
J. Z. Holwell.
W. Mackett.
Edward Eyre.
W. Baillie.

P.S.—This Instant we have received another Letter from the gentlemen at Cossimbuzar advising us that another party was arrived upon the Factory with a Train of Artillery that there are Ten Peons upon our Vacqueel and all intercou[r]se with the country people is entirely cut off which your Honr. &cta. may Judge what we are to expect, and how prejudicial the least Delay may prove to Our Honble Masters Affairs at this Presidency Dated at ½ past 7 p.m. the 4th. June.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday Golaum Hossein Cawn sent for our Vaqueel and shew'd him a Letter which his son Golaum Alli Cawn the Nabobs Arisbeggy wrote him from his Camp the Purport of which was as follows, that the Nabob receiving a Letter from the Governour & at the same time one from the French Director was extreamly angry and immedia[tely] sent orders to Roy Doolob to stop our Business at Cossimbuzar and to Mohunlol to write to the Nabob at Docca to stop our Business there, and likewise ordered Cossim Alli Cawn with a Body of Forces to March to Tannahs Fort and has advanced them two Months Pay, since writing the above We have receiv'd a Message from Hunichoudry Huckembegs Duan acquainting us that 400 Horse are arrived upon the Factory, As We have a very weak Garrison at present We Request your Honr. &ca. will send us a Party with a supply of Ammunition. We are with respect.

Cossimbuzar,
the 25th. May 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Wm. Watts.
M. Collett.
S. Batson.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council in Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote your Honr. &c. the 25th. Instant, that Evening Aumee Beg & Asmult Cawn Jemidaus came upon the Factory with their forces, and have ever since been very troublesome in preventing provisions and other necessaries being brought into the Factory, we are informed orders are gone to Daccu and all the Aurungs, to stop the Honble Company's Business.

We have certain advices that Hackembeg, and his Duan Hurrischowdree have been the occasion of this stoppage by their false representations and Insinuations Relating to our Digging a Ditch and raising Fortifications in Calcutta, We leave to your Honour &c. Judgement wether it would not be adviseable to represent this to the Nabob, and that Hackembeg had under various pretences for many years past, Extorted large sums from us, and impeded our Business by Erecting of Chowkeys, in different places of the River and exacting large sums from all Boats that pass and has also occasioned a great loss to the Company by his Duans, Thessendel and Hurrischowdree, taking up and fleecing our Merchants by which many of them are rendered incapable of paying their Ballances, by which oppressive means on us and other Merchants Thessendel on his Death was possessed of near 8 Lack of Rupees which Hackembeg we are informed seized to his own Use.

We here [*sic*] the Nabob is near Rajamaul and it is very uncertain when he will return and what his Schemes are.

Wm. Watts.
M. Collett.
S. Batson.

Cossimbuzar,
the 31st. May 1756.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqre.
President & Governour &c. Council
in Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last Golaum Shaw a Considerable Jummadar with his forces are come upon the Factory and put a stop to all provisions coming in.

We are informed by our Vacqueel who had it from Golaum Shaw, that unless your Honr. &ca. will fill up the Ditch and pull down the new works which he hears is begun upon, he is determined to attack us, therefore if your Honr. &ca. are determined not to comply with his Demand, we request you will send us a supply of men, as our Garrison is very weak, However we think it adviseable for your Honr. &c. to write a Letter to the Nabob immediately.

Cossimbuzar,
the 31st. May 1756.

Wm. Watts.
M. Collett.
S. Battson.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
in Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last Yesterday another Considerable Body of Forces are come upon the Factory under the Command of 4 Jemmidars & more are expected this Evening. There is also a party & Tents on the other side the River opposite to the Factory where we hear they intend to place their Cannon, The Nabob is expected in the City the Day after Tomorrow, we have information by some People that the Nabob intends attacking us & from others that they only threaten us in order that your Hon. &ca. may the sooner Comply with their demand in filling up the Ditch & pulling down what Works you have begun upon in which he seems peremptory. We therefore desire your Honrs. &ca. will either send us up a Body of Men that we may be able to defend ourselves or write to the Nabob that you will immediately Comply with his demand.

Our Doctor having been sent to Kessore Cawn & Cossumally Cawn two of the Principal Jummadars who came upon the Factory this Morning they inform'd him that the Nabob was angry with us, on no other account than upon your Honour &c^{a}. building a draw Bridge at Perrins & the Octagon at M^{r}. Kelsals Gardens wch. was blown down 2 years ago in the storm & now made larger wch. they have taken for a new fortification & they say that in Case you will break down the Draw Bridge & the Octagon The Forces will be immediately withdrawn if not We must stand to the Consequence.

Since writing the above We have recĕd. the Inclos'd Letter from one Vacqueel who is at the City.

By the best Intelligence we can get, we have about 2 or 3 Thousand Forces station'd about the Factory.

If your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will write an Arasdass to the Nabob that you will immediately obey his Orders, We are in hopes he will put an End to this troublesome Affair.

We are with Respect

Cossimbuzar,
4 June 1756.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. Servt[^{s}].

W^{m}. Watts.
M. Collett.
S. Batson.

To the Hon̄ble Roger Drake Esqr.

Pres^{t}. and Govr. &c^{a}. Council in Calcutta.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Another large Body of Forces with a Train of Artilery is now marching to the Factory. Our Vacqueel has ten Peons upon him and is order'd not to come to the Factory and all Entercourse with the Country People put a stop to. We have great reason to expect we shall be soon attacked, therefore request your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will immediately send us a party of at least a 100 men as privately as possible by way of Kisnagah River and March over Land from thence. We are with Respect

Cossim:
2^{d}. June 1756.

Hon̄. Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. Humble Serv^{ts}.

W^{m}. Watts.
M. Collett.
S. Batson.

N°. 97.

To the Hon̄ble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort S^{t}. George &c^{a}. Council.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Since writing to you under date the 4th. Instant, We have receiv'd further Intelligence that the Nabob has order'd a considerable Body of Forces and a large Train of Artillery to March down the River, and that they are 6 or 8 Coss on this side of Cossimbuzar. All communications between We and that Factory is entirely cut off and we are obliged to depend on Reports for what may relate to them. From these appearances and the close investure of Cossimbuzar upon so frivolous a pretence as that of M^{r}. Kelsal's Octagon and the Draw Bridge at Perrin's We have great reason to imagine his

designs extend much further than is at present known or declared. You will therefore perceive what Consequence the least delay in reinforcing this Garrison may be of to the Honble Company and We doubt not will send us a Detachment the Minute you receive these advices.

We are
Fort William, Honble Sir & Sirs
the 7 June 1756. Your most Obdt. Hum. Servts.

Roger Drake *Junr.*
Paul Richard Pearkes.
J. Z. Holwell.
Edward Eyre.
Wm. Baillie.

P.S.—Since writing the foregoing We have receiv'd the unfortunate News of Cossimbuzar Factory being deliver'd over into the Hands of the Nabob as you will observe by the enclos'd Copys of Letters receiv'd from thence.

R. Drake *Junr.*
Paul R. Pearkes.
J. Z. Holwell.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since writing to your Honr. Our Factory has been Invested by the Nabobs whole Force & a large Train of Artillery with repeated orders to attack us unless the Chief went in Person to the Nabob wch. he complied wth. as the only method we thought of to prevent the Compy. being involv'd in War and loosing all the Compy. Effects at the subordinates as our Garrison was very weak both in Men and Ammunition & the Gun Carriages mostly rotten & a scarcity of Provisions, since wch. Messrs. Collet & Batson were likewise sent for in order as they said to accommodate matters upon wch. they thought it was not advisable to go, a perivannah coming at the same time to take of all the Forces from the Factory except Omubeg & his People.

This morning the Chief & Second & Mr. Batson were accompanying Roydullul on his March is said to Calcutta when they stopt us & told us there was an order come from the Nabob for the Second to return to the Fort & deliver up all the Cannon & Ammunition wch. we was oblig'd to comply wth. & are now delivering, The Nabob is said to March Tomorrow to Calcutta wth. all his Forces wch. is computed to be about 50,000 Men.

The Chief & Mr. Batson are still with Roydullul the Nabob's Vanguard.

Cossr. I am
4 June 1756. Honble Sir & Sirs
M. Collett.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

As we have been in hourly Expectation for these 2 days past of an attack from the Nabob's Army now reckon'd to consist of upwards of 50000 Men besides a Train of Artillery Mr. Watts & the Council have been trying all Methods to accomodate matters rather than go to Extremitys they after writing several Arasadasses to the Nabob & also applying to such persons whom

they thought might represent our Case in a proper manner all wch. Efforts have not hitherto had any success. However the 2d. Inst. Meer Hossein Alli Hussembeg's son came into the Factory & inform'd the Gentlemen that the Nabob wanted to talk to the Chief upon wch. it was thought adviseable for him to go immediately wth. our Doctor accompanied with Meer Hassein Alli who promis'd him to introduce him to the Nabob, I do not as yet hear this has had the Effect expected. They oblig'd Mr. Watts to sign a Machuteka wch. to the best of my remembrance signifies as follows. 1st. No Protection is to be given in Calcutta to any of the Nabobs subjects. 2d. The Draw Bridge at Perrings & the new Fortifications are to be demolish'd & 3d. no Dusticks to be given to any of the Black Merchts. & upon Mr. Watt's wanting to come to Cossr. again they prevented him saying they understood his signing any Paper wou'd be of no validity except all the Gentn. in Council sign'd it & that he shou'd remain till the rest came upon wch. Messrs. Collet & Batson went in expectation to sign it but when they arriv'd a Perivannah came from the Nabob as the Gentlemen write me with orders for the second to return & deliver up all our Guns & Ammunitions & for Omerbeg to remain at the Factory only. Since writing the above Mr. Collet arriv'd here who agreable to the Nabobs orders has deliver'd up the Cannon Powder &ca. The Nabob is marching to Calcutta with 50,000 Men takes Messrs. Batson & Watts along wth. him, what the Nabob's Intentions are we at present cannot learn but imagine by most that he is going to Calcutta.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Humble Servts.

Francis Sykes.

Cossr.

4 June 1756.

This I write by the desire of Mr. Watts who is in extream low spirits.

No. 98.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your Favour of the 9th. Inst.

We are satisfied that the several Articles deficient in the Stewards Account of Plate and Furniture are become so by wear and unavoidable Accidents, We shall therefore agreable to your Permission write them off to Profit & Loss as well as the difference that may arise in the Sale of what is old & unserviceable, the Remainder shall be carried forward at their present Valuation, though several articles are certainly very much overated, and We beg leave to assure your Honour &ca. that no Care or Attention shall ever be wanting on our Parts in the frugal Management of our Honble Masters Money in every Branch of their Affairs committed to Our Charge, and that we will never put them to the least Expence in any Particular that can be avoided wth. safety to their service nor shall we in future make up any Plate or Furniture without your Express Permission.

We have acquainted Mr. James Broadbent that he has your Leave to resign the Companys Service & proceed to Europe.

We shall affix advertisements in the usual places as you direct, in respect to the Investment and if any Proposals are made in Consequence of it, immediate Notice shall be transmitted to you.

When your Accountant applies for the Nabobs Account, it shall be drawn out as he shall direct with all possible Dispatch.

As your Honour &c^{a}. have directed us to give Publick Notice for all persons who may be inclined to supply the Company wth. Bricks or other materials, to deliver in their proposals, previous to our resolving on any other method, we have affixed an advertisement for that purpose, the Proposals to be deliver'd in by the 1st. of August to wch. time we shall also defer appointing the Committee for conducting the works in expectation of the arrival of M^{r}. Wynch who your Honour &c^{a}. advices Us is appointed Second of this Settlement by the Honble Court of Directors, and that the works may not stand still at this critical Juncture, we have directed our Paymaster to continue supplying Materials till the other method can take Effect. But as we are entirely unacquainted wth. the method of conducting this Committee at Fort S^{t}. George and how they keep their Accounts as well as whether the Company's Money is to be advanc'd or the materials paid for as they are brought in, We must request your Honour &c^{a}. will give us perfect Information of the whole that we may be enabled to conduct the affair wth. regularity & Dispatch.

The List of Invalids shall be drawn out & sent you as soon as possible.

Linga Chitty and his agents as Farmers of the Trevendaparum Bounds shall have all reasonable and fitting Countenance & Assistance.

We are wth. Respect

Fort S^{t}. David,
the 13 July 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. Hum^{e}. Servants
Robert Clive.
Hugh Norris.
Rich^{d}. Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.
Charles Turner.

N°. 99.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council of
Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have Laden on Board his Majesty's Ship Tyger 66 Bales and 15 Candys of Indigo as ℔ Invoice Inclos'd. We are wth. Respect

Fort S^{t}. David,
19th. July 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. Humble Servants
Robert Clive.
Hugh Norris.
Rich^{d}. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

No. 100.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last address to your Honour &ca. bore date the 31st. Ultimo wch. served only to give Cover to a Packet for our Superiours; Duplicate of wch. We now inclose you desiring it may be forwarded immediately on its Arrival.

We are

Anjengo,
30th. June 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servts.
George Scott.
Peter Elwin Wrench.
Titus Scott.

No. 101.

To the Honble George Pigot
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

My last address was to acknowledge the receipt of your Favour by the Sloop Syren and the supply of (10,000) Ten thousand Madrass Pagodas by that Vessel.

This waits on you wth. the usual Papers for the last Month; my books shall be sent by the next Conveyance.

The 18th. of last month one of this Garrison Deserted to Yanam, as soon I had notice thereof I sent to the Gentleman that was then on the Spot and demanded his being deliver'd to me agreable to Treaty, who sent me for answer that as he was no way concern'd in the Care of that Settlement he cou'd not do it without an order from Mr. Pannon who was Chief and was at Narsipore, but he shou'd immediately acquaint that Gentlemen therewith; that Night the Man was sent away to Rajahmundrum wth. A French Peon as a Guide, being met by one of the Inhabitants of this Place on the Road wth. the said Peon wth. him soon after Mr. Bury (who has the Charge of the Settlement in absence [of] the Chief) arriv'd having been in the Country during this affair, of whom I immediately demanded the Deserter, but he told me it was out of his Power as he was not in the place, for more particular Account threof I beg leave to referr you to the Copys of our Letters now inclos'd that pass'd between that Gentleman & me on the subject where you will perceive what subterfuges he makes use of to decline Acting agreable to Treaty.

At the foot hereof is the Account of Cloth in Hand & I remain

Ingeram,
5 July 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Humble Servant
Foss Westcott.

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To Mr. Francis Bury.

Sir

A few days past one of this Garrison deserted to your Place & on my applying to the Gentlemen that acted during your absence for to restore him agreable to Treaty he gave me for answer he cou'd not do it without orders from Monsr. Pannon, since wch. I hear he has been to Rajahmundrum under an Escorte of some Peons or Seapoys from Yanam, You being now return'd I apply to you Sir to have the above Deserter restor'd to me agreable to Treaty & am Sir

Ingeram, Your most obedient Humble Servant
27 June 1756. Foss Westcott.

No. 102.

[*Previous portion missing.*]

pretending to name any quantity formerly there might have been between Three and Four Hundred Candys provided here, but now the French have Possession of all the Indigo Grounds round the Bounds and will not let any pass to us.

Our Ballance of Cash this day is 11945 Pagodas and 96918 Rupees. We leave it to your Honour &ca. to judge what supply of Pagodas it may be necessary to send us at this time when We have so much reason to expect a War.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David, Honble Sir & Sirs
22d. July 1756. Your most Obedt. Humble Servants

Robert Clive.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

No. 103.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to acknowledge the receipt of your two favours of the 22d. and 29th. of June, the latter inclosing the two Accounts of Pagodas & Rupees, the forms of which shall be strictly observ'd, and in future all payments in Rupees on the Nabobs Account shall be charged to him at the Exchange of the day those payments are made.

In Obedience to your Orders I have admitted Christnah Row's Agents to the Management of the Deve Cotah Farm and promis'd them all reasonable assistance they might stand in need of.

The New Fortifications are already in great Forwardness, and Nothing shall be wanting to get them as speedily compleated as possible, hitherto no obstacles have arose to prevent it, when there does will not fail to advise you of it.

I take the liberty to inclose your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. a Letter I receiv'd just now from M^{r}. Hume, and am with the utmost Respect.

DEVE COTAH,
20 JULY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servant
DAWSONNE DRAKE.

TO M^{R}. DRAKE.

SIR

As by all advice from Chellumbrum Porto Novo & Karikall, we find the French are in motion, and continually Reinforcing those Garrisons by detachments of Europeans from Pondicherry & by raising new Companys of Seapoys. The Proximity of those places & the facility with which different partys may join to Invest Deve Cotah (to which they may be allur'd by its present situation) oblige me to represent to you that for our security whilst Carrying on our works & better defending such as will soon be finish'd we ought to have a Reinforcement as on the other side.

As the Hon. Council may at this present Juncture think such a demand unreasonable, I beg leave with all submission to Communicate my reasons; First the Europeans are necessary as we have not any more than 42 Men in all, out of which there are generally 9 or 10 sick, as to our Artilery besides a deficiency in number, out of what we have, there is 1 absolutely unfit for any service, and another who can only do Garrison duty. We may depend upon our Passes to retard the too high approach of an Enemy, as those passes are 5 in number they will require as many partys as for their defence and some of those partys pretty Considerable, to those add the Numbers necessary to Man our Extensive Ramparts. I believe the Number requested will appear scarcely sufficient; I mention the Gun Carriages in a particular manner, because as there is no occasion for larger Cannon than 12 Pounders & some of our best Carriages are for Pieces above that Caliber, & those under are such as have unweildy Field Trains requiring many People to work them they may be pronounced useless. We may be said not to have any Cannon for service except those for the Field.

I am thoroughly sensible of the Honour done me by the Hon. Council in committing to my charge the Command of this Garrison and the direction of the intended works it shall always spur me on to do my Duty in both stations to the utmost of my power and it is with the greatest submission to their better judgments, that I lay before them the reasons why the Ditch about this place may be the work we might first go about, For as the Place is very large there cannot be spar'd a large Garrison sufficient to assure it from a surprize by Escalade from an Enemy vastly superiour to the Defendants (and none but such as are will ever undertake it). To such the greatest obstacle you must present is such a Ditch as is projected & which the sooner it is gone on the safer you are from such an attempt, nor need the Execution of it, retard the rest, since the Men who are to work on it are absolutely useless Elsewhere, & to it add that the Earth which comes from the Excavation of this Ditch, is to form the Rampart, Parapet, & Glacis to the intended Counterguards & Body of the Place.

To this I add the Indents for Stores wanting in this Garrison & request your acquainting the Hon. Council that as to the returns of small stores it is almost impossible to make a just one of them, till such a time as I can arrange them in their proper order, and places now prepar'd for them. I am Sir

DAVA COTAH,
JULY THE 20TH. 1756.

Your most Obed^{t}. most Humble Servant
JOHN HUME.

45 European Military

10 Mattrosses.

2 Company of Seapoys

The Indent of Carriages is wth. that for Artilery Stores.

No. 104.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&C^{a}. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Inclos'd are triplicates of what we have wrote you within these few days, & Coppies of the Letters we have receiv'd from the Gentlemen at Cossimbuzar with an Account of the delivering up that Place to the Nabob the 4 Instant.

From those advices your Honour &c^{a}. will observe He is determined to march against this Settlement, and we have receiv'd Authentick Advices that his Artillery and a Considerable Body of his Forces are already on their way down. We are preparing eveery thing in our Power to make as vigorous a defence as possible. But as our Garrison is extreamly weak we shall endeavour to amuse him and avoid coming to Hostillities as long as we can in hopes of your sending us a sufficient reinforcement (when you know our situation) not only to repel those Troops he may bring against this Place, But to recover the Honble Company's Factory at Cossimbuzar.

As our safety and honour must therefore depend chiefly on the relief you are to send us, We are again to request in the most Earnest manner, as you tender the Interest of our Employers so deeply concern'd in this Settlement as you regard the lives & propertys of the Inhabitants, And as you value the Honour of our Nation all of which are now at stake, That you do not on any motive whatsoever neglect to supply us with the number of Men we have demanded, Which is the only means left Us to recover Cossimbuzar, to defend ourselves, and to transact the Company's Affairs on any footing of security, should you after all we have said and urged upon this Head either refuse or delay, the reinforcement we have demanded, We hope your Honour &c^{a}. will excuse us, if We exculpate ourselves by protesting against you in Behalf of our Honble Employers, for all the Damages and ill consequences of such Default.

We are likewise extreamly deficient in Musquets, Shot Bayonets, small Field Peices Mortars and most kind of Military Stores a proportionable quantity of which we shall likewise Expect from Your Honours &c^{a}.

We are

Fort William,
8 June 1756.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Roger Drake *Jun*^{r}.
C. Manningham.
P. R. Pearkes.
W. Frankland.
J. Z. Holwell.
W. Mackett.
W. Baillie.
Edward Eyre.

P.S. As it will be impossible to make Gun Powder should our Town be closely invested, and as it is probable the Quantity we have by Us & shall be able to make before his Arrival, will all be expended by the time your Reinforcement comes, We think it wou'd be proper for your Honour &c^{a}. to send us likewise as much of that Article as you can.

N°. 105.

To the Hon̄ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
of Fort S^{t}. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you to give dispatch to another Bengal Packet just receiv'd, for delaying no time of forwarding the same, being of that important Consequence, we perceive it is by the President & Council of Calcutta sending it open to Us for our Perusal & inclos'd we take the liberty to transmit Our Cash Account for last Month.

We are with great Respect

Vizagapatam,
15th. July 1756.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most Humble Servants
Chas. Boddam.
J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best.

N°. 106.

To the Hon̄ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council of
Fort S^{t}. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Our Hon̄ble Masters Sloop Dragon arriv'd here the 31st. Ultimo and shall be returned You as soon as the stores are Landed.

As we are in very great want of the several Articles in the Indents for Civil & Military Stores sent You, particularly Flints & Spirits of Wine we must request your Honour &c^{a}. will furnish us with them as soon as possible.

Our Pagodas being reduced to about Four Thousand We beg you will send Us a supply with all convenient Expedition. We are with Respect

Fort S^{t}. David,
2^{d}. August 1756.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Robert Clive.
Hugh Norris.
Rich^{d}. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

P.S. We beg the Medicines with their Invoices may be sent as soon as possible, as they were all lost 2 years ago by being sent too late.

N°. 107.

To the Hon̄ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
of Fort S^{t}. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Pursuant to your Directions of the 12 Ins^{t}. I have taken upon me the Charge of the Garrison of Deve Cotah, but as the Month is so nigh elaps'd I have defer'd taking the Acco^{t}. Remains till M^{r}. Drake has compleated the Monthly Acco^{ts}. when every thing will more clearly appear, and be with the greater facility adjusted.

As M^{r}. Drake informs me he has already transmitted your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. M^{r}. Hume's Opinion of the necessity of carrying into execution as speedily as possible the new works plann'd out by that Gentleman it will be needless for me to trouble you with a repetition of it, but shall wait your further Directions on that Head, and if consented to, Your Honr. &c^{a}. may be persuaded they shall be forwarded wth̄. the utmost alacrity.

I take the liberty to enclose M^{r}. Hume's Indent for Stores wch̄. I hope Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will please to comply with.

On perusal of the inclos'd Indent you will observe we are greatly distress'd for Garrison Gun Carriages having but four that can be depended on in case of necessity the rest are so old and damaged by the weather that there is no possibility of repairing them ever to be useful again. There are some long Field Carriages and two twenty four Pounders Gun Carriages that are perfectly good but our Ramparts are too narrow for the former and too weak for the latter to be of any service to Us. If your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. think proper to send hither Plank fit for making the Carriages wanted at this Settlement, M^{r}. Hume assures me he shall be able to have them compleated in the Monsoons; at wch̄. season our People can be employ'd on no other Business. I am with respect

Deve Cotah,
29 July 1756

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servt.
Ja^{s}. Bourchier.

No. 108.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Honourable Companys Sloop Dragon sailed this Day for your Place. Our Consultations and Monthly Accounts for June now wait on you.

Inclos'd you will receive our Committee of Accounts Report, on the Accounts of this Settlement for the Month of June and as we are entirely of their opinion in regard to the necessity of putting a stop to any abuses that may have crept into the management of the Lascars, whom we imagine with proper care might be made of much more service than we apprehend they have hitherto been, We have come to a resolution of appointing one of the Company's Covenanted Servants to Muster them every Morning and station them as the service may require, and to keep a regular Account of those that are absent, that the stoppages they are usually put under on that Account may be brought to the Company's Credit and we hope this regulation will meet with your Honr. &ca. approbation.

We are with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servants

Robert Clive.
Roger Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

Fort St. David,
5 August 1756.

To Robert Clive Esqr.
Deputy Governor &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have inspected the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month, the Calculations of which are all right and we have nothing particular to remark in them excepting in regard to the Lascars in the Military Paymaster's Account, in the Mustering and paying of whom, We apprehend there are great abuses, to remedy which we recommend that one of the Company's Servants be appointed to see them Muster'd every morning & station'd in such a manner as the Service may require, & that he particularly report, the Malingerers and Absent, that they may be put under Stoppages accordingly and due Credit given the Company.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most humble Servants

Robert Clive.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.

Fort St. David,
30th July 1756.

N°. 109.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Madrass.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 12 May came to hand the 27th. following and we are much obliged for the advices you have been pleased to Communicate.

On the 21st. Ulto. at Midnight the 3d. King of Nelleaseram took a Fort named Mollaly from the French situated a few Leagues to the Northward of Us, and which maintain'd the Communication of their Forts of Ramdilly & Nelleaseram, both adjacent thereto & are part of the Possessions they acquir'd from the late unhappy troubles this settlement was involv'd in with the Prince of Cherrica. It was surrounded with Cheval de Frezes, mounted twenty two Guns many of them eighteen Pounders, was commanded by a Lieutenant with forty three soldiers (of whom twenty four were Europeans) and some Seapoys. The Number of Nairs who went against it did not exceed one Hundred and Fifty with no other Arms than swords and Targets, of whom only nine first scaled the Walls, who watching till the two Rounds with Lanthorns met, fell upon them and Cut them to Pieces, after which a further number of Nairs, making in all about Thirty five coming to their assistance, they wth. that number surprized the whole Garrison, whom they put to the sword, except the Gunner who promising to point their Guns in case they spared his Life, was saved for that purpose; Besides the twenty two Guns this Fort mounted; it had one Mortar with about Two hundred Musquets and Warlike ammunition of all sorts; This Loss has greatly alarmed the French, who have been obliged to apply to several of the Powers hereabouts for succour, and the Prince of Cherrica has afforded them upwards of one Thousand Men, notwithstanding wch. it is doubted whether they will be able to maintain their Possessions to the Northward untill a Reinforcement may arrive from your Side. Nothing at present offers further to add but that We remain

Tellicherry,
11th. July 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Thos. Hodges.
S. Evans.
Thos. Satchwell.
Henry Johnson.

N°. 110.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am greatly oblig'd by your Honour &ca. favour of the 9th. Inst. and shall pay a due regard to your several Injunctions therein. The Nineteen Pagodas Cash was Debted to General Stores for in February last was for 2 Candys of Iron sold, which was mention'd in the Journal but by mistake in the Coppying was omitted in the account sent. I shall be very carefull in future, to Particularize every article that may occur in my Accounts.

Herewith your Honour &ca. will receive the Duplicate sett of Books for the last year, and I am wth. the greatest Esteem.

Bandarmalanka,
July the 25th. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. & most obliged Humble Servant
John Andrews.

N°. 111.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favour of the 10th. Ultimo enclosing a Europe Packet receiv'd by the Delawar, reached us the 5th. Instant, Duplicate of which has likewise since come to hand.

We congratulate your Honour &ca. on the safe arrival of the Delawar, and are oblig'd for your communicating so speedily, the state of affairs at her Departure from Europe which exactly corresponds with what our Honble Masters have advised us.

We observe the Woollen Goods you have receiv'd by the above Conveyance for this Place, which We hope to dispose of, when an opportunity offers for your Honour &ca. forwarding them hither, as the quantity designed us on the expected Ships is less than usual.

Bombay Castle,
16th. Jnue 1756.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servants

Richd. Bourchier.
Cha: Crommelin.
James Foulis.
Wm. Sedgwick.
H. Symmons.
T. Byfeld
Wm. Hornby.
T. Spencer

N°. 112.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

It is with the Utmost Concern We now inform you that Fort William was taken by the Moors the 20th. Ulto. the rise of these Troubles are as follows.

The Nabob under various pretences sent a Guard upon our Factory at Cossimbuzar to stop our Business as is customary in this Country when they have any demand on the Europeans and dayly increased the Force till the Factory was surrounded by his whole army which by the most moderate computation consisted of 10,000 Horse 20,000 Ragepout Gun Men and a large Train of Artillery and then demanded Mr. Watts to go out and see him; the Nabob's Duan who commanded the Van of the army Writing Mr. Watts a Letter that He might go out with great safety that no Harm shou'd happen and that he wou'd introduce him to the Nabob, upon this We thought proper to send the Surgeon of the Factory to the Duan and he gave him the same assurances, and sent him back with a considerable Person & a present of Beetle (wch. is esteemed a pledge of Faith) to accompany the Chief to the Nabob accordingly agreable to the Unanimous Opinion of the Gentlemen of the Factory and officer of the Garrison, the Chief went and was introduced to the Nabob who immediately order'd him into Confinement and insisted on his giving an obligation that in Fifteen Days Time the Gentlemen of Calcutta shou'd level what new works they had raised, deliver up the Nabobs Tenants who had fled for protection there and that if it cou'd be proved that we had falsified the Company's Dusticks by giving them to those that had no right

to them. We shou'd pay back what the Government had suffered by Loss of Dustics, the Chief being in their hands was obliged to sign this, they then told Him that his signing was of no consequence without the rest of the Council, accordingly upon the surgeons returning to the Factory and acquainting Messrs. Collet & Batson that it was necessary they shou'd go to the Chief in order to make an End of the Affair they went and were detained Prisoners nothing more being said about the obligation the Chief had signed (the Chief solemnly asserts that he told the surgeon to let Messrs. Collet & Batson know He did not think it adviseable for them to quit the Factory) the next day We were order'd to deliver up our Cannon & ammunition wch. we complied wth. in hopes entirely to pacify the Nabob, the Army then drew off from the Factory Mr. Batson was sent back to the Factory & Messrs. Watts & Collet kept prisoners in the Camp wch. then bent its March towards Calcutta. We have since heard all the Godowns at Cossimbuzar were sealed up wth. the Nabobs seal and the Soldiers remaing. in the Factory carried Prisoners to Muxadabad.

As the Chiefs going out of the Factory may perhaps appear extraordinary We think it necessary to give our Reasons for taking such a step, it has been always Customary in Bengal for the Chiefs of the Subordinates to visit the Nabobs of the Province and we had great reason to believe that on paying this visit We shou'd be able to accommodate Matters and prevent his March to Calcutta. If we had refused our Factory must inevitably have fallen into their hands wth. all the Company's Effects outsanding in Bengall. Our Garrison being in no condition to make a defence against so large a Force Our Factory being surrounded on Three sides by Houses which overlooked our Bastions & some not thirty yards from the Bastion most of our Guns were Honey Combed & Carriages rotten though we had repeatedly Indented to Calcutta for new ones, our Garrison consisted of about 50 Soldiers most of whch. [*sic*] were Black Portegueze. We had about 80 Maunds of Powder but few or no shot or Granades, We might possibly wth. this Force have held out 3 or 4 Days, which wou'd not have prevented the Consequence that have since happen'd and We undoubtedly shou'd have been blamed for having commenced a War wth. the Government and we are very sensible had the Gentlemen of Calcutta thought proper to treat Affairs might have been accommodated even when the Nabob was on his March.

We can give no certain account how Calcutta was taken We being then Prisoners in the Camp, but We have since heard the Governour Commandant and several other Gentlemen of the Council wth. part of the Garrison quitted the Fort and retired on Board their Ships wch. flung the rest into Panick & Confusion, wch. occasion'd the Fort to be surrendered to the Moors. We hear Mr. Holwell was taken Prisoner in the Fort and is in Irons We have no certain News of the Fate of the other subordinates but it is reported they are Plundered, most of the Company's servants that remained when the Governour &ca. went away were either killed or have since died by ill usage.

We shall address your Honour &ca. again when we can do it wth. more certainty.

We were released about four days ago & agreable to our desire were delivered to the Care of the French who has the Nabobs orders to send Us safe to Madrass, inclos'd is a Coppy of a Letter from the Nabob to the Director of Chandenagore as also one to the Governour of Fort St. George. The Civilitys that we and all the English have received from this settlement requires the greatest acknowledgments, lest any false reports shou'd reach your Honour &ca. We can assure you that to the best of our knowledge the French have given no assistance to the Country Government but have suffer'd greatly themselves having been obliged to pay 400,000 Rupees and the Dutch as much or more.

We beg the favour of your Honour &c^{a}. to represent to our Honble Masters our distress'd situation by the first Conveyance and we hope from their Candour that the part we have acted will not be disapprov'd of as we are conscious to ourselves that had the Governour & Council made any proposals to the Government affairs might have been accommodated. Fort William subsisted and their Effects at the subordinates and the Arungs safe, but by all accounts they were as averse to any Terms of Peace as they were incapable of War.

CHANDENAGORE,
THE 2^{D}. JULY 1756.

We are with respect
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servants

WM. WATTS.
M. COLLET.

N°. 113.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have receiv'd your favour of the 8th. with a supply of Twenty Thousand (20000) Pagodas.

M^{r}. Alexander Wynch arriv'd here the 14th. and has taken his seat at this Board agreable to the station assign'd him by Our Honble Masters and is appointed Import & Export Warehouse keeper & Accountant.

Messrs. Norris, Turner & Call are appointed a Committee for carrying on the Fortifications Buildings and Repairs at this Settlement.

As Tonneveroy Pillah and Cawn Modellaire are not yet arriv'd We must request your Honour &c^{a}. will hasten their setting out.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obed^{t}. humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID,
16TH. AUGUST 1756.

ROBERT CLIVE.
A. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICH^{D}. FAIRFIELD.
ROB^{T}. SLOPER.
CHARLES TURNER.

N°. 114.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 9th. Ultimo has been duly receiv'd.

In obedience to your Orders to give you my reasons for the Charge of Freight in the Month of February for wares and Stores receiv'd by the Sloop Nancy & Snow Don Carlos I am to acquaint your Honour &c^{a}. that it is what I paid, and really less than what has been usually given for Freight of such things from Madrass, most of the Stores being weighty & Cumbersome.

The Books of this Settlement Ending April 1756 wth. the usual Papers for the last Month now wait on you, and at the foot hereof is the Account of Cloth in Hand, and I am wth the greatest Respect

INGERAM,
2D. AUGUST 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

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No. 115.

CHANDERNAGORE 6TH. JULY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclos'd comes Duplicate of our Letter of the 3d. Instant since which we are inform'd that the Dacca Factory was surroundd and the Gentlemen obliged to surrender that the French Chief has receiv'd them into their Factory till he has the Nabobs order concerning them, that Mr. Amyatt has made his escape from Luckipore with Effects of the Company's to the amount of about 60000 Rs. Mr. Boddam from Ballasore likewise wth. about 4 or 6000 Rs.

We have been obliged to borrow Money of the French Company for our subsistance as We have lost every thing we had in Bengal Vizt. Mr. Watts 2000 for him & his Family & Mr. Collet 500 Rs. for wch. We have given Receipts, as these Notes will be tendered to your Honour &ca. from Pondicherry for payment We beg the favour of your Honour &ca. to Honour them and in Case the Company do not think proper to make Us any allowance we shall with pleasure repay the Sum advanced. Enclos'd is a List of what Gentlemen are on Board of the English ships in the River.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. humble Servts.
WM. WATTS.
M. COLLET.

No. 116.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our last We have receiv'd a letter from the Gentlemen on Board of the ships at Fulta Copy of wch. We enclose as also Copy of a Letter they desire to be translated into Persians and sent to the several great Men about the Nabob for permission to reestablish the Settlement.

We must beg leave to observe to your Honour &ca. that We wrote to the Governour & Council of Calcutta when we were at Houghly (which was the

first opportunity We had) that if they wou'd send a proper person or Empower Us We flatter'd ourselves that We shou'd be able even then to accommodate Matters for a sum of Money. We are not certain but are inform'd that That Letter was receiv'd and an answer wrote Importing that after the Affront the Nabob had given of sealing up the Company's Effects and Confining their servants at Cossimbuzar they cou'd not think of coming to any Terms of accommodation. We are inform'd likewise by Cossenaut one of the Company's Banyans that Ommichund & some of the Principal Merchants offered to contribute considerably towards making up affairs, Coja Wazeed, the greatest Merchant in Bengal who resides at Houghley and has great influence with the Nabob, His Duan told us that He went four Times to Calcutta in order to persuade the Gentlemen to make up Matters with the Nabob but was threatened to be ill used if he came again on the same Errand.

We shall do all in our Power to get Permission to reestablish the Settlement but are without any hopes of obtaining during the Life of the present Nabob. We therefore know of no other method, but that of a Military Force, which We hope your Honour &c^{a}. will be able to send sufficient to attack the Nabob even in his Metropolis as we hear a Peace is confirm'd with France.

There are 79 of our Serjeants Soldiers & others in the Hospital here who escaped from Calcutta and are provided with provisions & Cloaths by the French Governour & Council who have been extreamly Humane to us All and now mantain by Charrty [*sic*] near 3000 Poor, Portuguese Men, Women, & Children who were Inhabitants of Calcutta.

We are with respect

CHANDERNAGORE,
THE 7TH. JULY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servants
WM. WATTS.
M. COLLET.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
&c^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

TO COJA WAZEED.

SIR

Relying on your favour & frien[d]ship for the English Nation, We take the liberty of Addressing this Letter to you and intreat the Honour of your aid and assistance in our present situation, We hope by your means to be informed in what manner We may address the Nabob for his permission to reestablish our Settlement at Calcutta.

To whom can we apply in our present Circumstance but to those from whom We have received many Marks of Favour & Protection & on whom we still depend.

Having no Munsee with us, We are obliged to address you in English, & hope, Sir, you'll for that reason excuse any Defect in our stile or Omission of the due forms of Respect. What can we say more? but that we hope much from your Aid and Favourable Representation of the English to the Nabob.

We are with Respect

SIR

Your most obedient HBle Servants
ROGER DRAKE, *Junr*.
C. MANNINGHAM.
WM. FRANKLAND.
WM. MACKETT.
P. AMYATT.
THOS. BODDAM.

To William Watts & Mathew Collett Esqrs.

Gentlemen

We congratulate your safety at Chandernagore, in our situation We are to expect from you who have been so long in the Nabobs Camp the most certain account you are able to transmit us of the Nabob's Determination respecting the English Company & what Effect you imagine an application to his principal Ministers and great Men wou'd have in our Favour, for which purpose We shou'd be glad you wou'd let Us know, who wou'd be the properest Persons to address to, We are advised that Monickchund, Roy Doolob, Golaum Hossein Cawn & Coja Wazeed are those who have the greatest Influence & in Consequence of that Information, We forward you enclos'd Letters for those Officers, & desire you will endeavour to have an exact translate of them made into the Persian Language, & get them delivered with the Original. If you think it wou'd be proper to apply to any other Durbar Officers upon this occasion We request you will point out the Persons or (if you Judge it will answer the End) We shou'd be glad you wou'd Address them yourselves in behalf of our Honble Employers, to interest them in our Favours. In hopes of opening a Correspondence with the Government, We have absolutely forbid any Hostilities being Committed on any Moors Ships or Vessells which may arrive in the River, or giving any Offence to the Country People round about us, by which pacifick Measures on our side We hope for a favourable turn of Affairs.

Dated on Board Ship.
Doddaley off Fulta
the 6th. July 1756.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedt. Hble Servants

Roger Drake, *Junr.*
C. Manningham.
Wm. Frankland.
Wm. Mackett.
P. Amyatt.
Thos. Boddam.

No. 117.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

You will be advis'd from Mr. Smith & Council of my having quitted my station here as Chief, in obedience to my Honble Masters pleasure & Commands signified in your Letter of 8th. Ulto. address'd on that Head & the Charge of the settlement with the Cash were immediately delivered over by me agreable to your appointment. I have only to intreat the favour of your Honour &cts. permission to remain at this place till January for settling my affairs and hope to meet with your kind indulgence therein.

I am with the truest sentiments of regard and Esteem

Vizagapatam,
4th. August 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & Faithfull humble
Servt.

Chas. Boddam

N°. 118.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favour'd with your Honour &ca. Letters of the 8th and 9th. Ulto. and agreable to your Directions in the former Mr. Boddam immediately deliver'd over the charge of this Settlement with the Ballance of the Honble Company's cash made up to the 31st. July being Arcot Rupees Four hundred and Twelve Nine Annas Eleven Pice (412–9–11) Mads. Pagodas Six fourteen fanams and Twenty four Cash (6–14–24) to Mr. John Lewin Smith as Provisional Chief who takes this Opportunity of returning your Honour &ca. his most gratefull thanks for this Mark of your Favour and hopes by a Circumspect conduct to render himself deserving the Confidence you repose in him.

Your Directions relating to the unserviceable Arms and decay'd wares shall be punctually complied with.

We are to acquaint your Honour &ca. that the Commander of the Arcot Snow having represented to Us that that Vessel wanted divers repairs, besides those contracted for, without which she cou'd not with safety proceed to Sea, in consequence thereof we directed Mr. John Heriot to view the same and acquaint us with his lowest Terms for performing them, he has accordingly lay'd before us his proposals amountg. to Arcot Rupees Eight Hundred and Fifty (850) the Particulars of which we inclose you, which we have agreed to, and he is accordingly going on with the repairs with all dispatch and hope your Honour &ca. will have no objection thereto. As soon as she is finish'd and our Bar open there not being at present depth of Water enough to carry her out (had she been ready) we shall immediately dispatch her.

We transmit you herewith a List of Cloth on Hand to the End of last Month, as likewise our Monthly Papers; by our Cash account your Honour &ca. will perceive how necessary it is to send us a speedy and large supply of Cash for carrying on the Investment and for the Current Expences of the Settlement.

Our Storekeeper having inform'd us he is in want of several Articles since his last Indent, we therefore take the Liberty to inclose another and request your Honour &ca. would supply us with the Articles therein mention'd.

We have the Honour to be

Vizagapatam,
5th. August 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Hble Servants
J. L. Smith.
Maraduke Best.

A list of Cloth on hand.

	Cor.	
Long Cloth Ordinary	947	8
Long Cloth fine	182	2
Sallempores Ordinary	30	5
Sallempores fine	13	6

To Charles Boddam Esqr.
Chief &c^a^. Council of Vizagapatam.

Vizag^m^.
15 July 1756.

Gentlemen

This is to acquaint you that there is several Repairs wanted to be done to the Honble Company's Snow Arcot wch. is not mention'd in the Agreement made wth. Captn. Heriot at Madrass without these repairs being made the Snow cannot proceed to Sea, the undermention'd is a List of what is to be repair'd &c^a^..

I am
Vizagpt^m^. Gentlemen
15 July 1756. Yr. Most Obed^t^. Hble Servt.
E. Bibb.

Repairs Viz.

A Capston wth. Barrs Compleat & Step.
3 Holop Beams Kneed & Bolted.
A Boat Hatchways shifted, New Hatches & Graitings.
2 Catt Heads New & David wth. 2 sett Blocks Iron bound Caps for the lower Mast Top Mast Cross Tree & Caps.
Bees & Cap for the Bowsprit.
Caulking the upper works & Decks.
2 New fire Places wth. 4 Hen Coops.
A Bulk Head in the Hold for to put the Water in.
Pieces of Plank put in her Bottom and aflase post.
A Try sail Mast & Stopper Bolts for the Deck.

(A true Copy)

To Charles Boddam Esqr.
Chief &c^a^. Council of
Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

The Sundrys wanting to be done to the Arcot Snow as given in by Captain Bibb are as follows Viz^t^. Capston wth. Barrs compleat and step with 3 holop Beams Round & Bolted, a Boat, 2 Catheads wth. Cat Blocks, Iron round a David, Hatchways Shifted & Graitings, Caps for the Lower Mast Top Mast Cross Trees & Tops, Cap and Bees for the Bowsprit Caulking the upper works and Decks, 2 Fire places, 4 Hen Coops of 3 foot long each a Bulk Head in the Hold a Try Sale Mast, Stopper Bolts in the Decks 4, All this I agree to do for the sum of 850 A. Rupees & nothing less.

I am
Vizagapatam, Gentlemen
26th. July 1756. Yr. most obed^t^. Hble. Servant
John Heriot.

P.S.—All the Old plank & Iron to be made that is taken off the Vessell.

A true Copy

INDENT FOR STORES WANTED AT VIZAGAPATAM FACTORY.
VIZ^{T}.

GENERAL STORES VIZ^{T}.

Europe Iron ... ... 30 Candy.

GUNNERS STORES VIZ^{T}.

Tar ... ... 20 Barrels

VIZAGAPATAM AUGUST 6TH. 1756.

MARMADUKE BEST
Storek^{r}.

A LIST OF THE PACKET.

1 General Letter.
2 Copy of Captain John Heriots Letter.
3 Paymasters Accounts for June.
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N°. 119.

TO THE HON̄BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

Nothing material Occurring since my last I have only to inclose your Honour &c^{a}. th Accounts of this place for the last Month. The Account of Cloth on Hand is at ffoot hereof.

I am wth̄. the greatest Esteem
HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient & most
Obliged Hble Servant
JOHN ANDREWS.

BANDARMALANKA,
AUGUST THE 12TH. 1756.

CLOTH ON HAND

EMBALED	Bales
L. C. O.	84
L. C. M.	25
L. C. F.	20
Carried over Bales ...	129

	Brought over Bales ..	129
IN THE WASHRS. HANDS.		
L. C. O.	41	
L. C. M.	38	
L. C. F.	20	
	——	99
	TOTAL ..	228 Bales.

No°. 120.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &cA. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receive'd your favour of the 18th. and agreable to your Directions Colonel Clive has delivered over the charge of this Settlement to Alexander Wynch Esqr. and now takes his Passage for Fort St. George on Board the Bonetta Ketch.

Enclos'd you will receive a Copy of a Letter deliver'd Us by Mr. Hugh Norris Paymaster and as We are of Opinion that his request is very reasonable, We beg leave to recommend it to the consideration of your Honour &ca. and we shall wait your answer before we take any other steps for providing Materials. We are with respect

Fort St. David,
22D. August 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. Hble. Servants
Robert Clive.
A. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
RichD. Fairfield.
RobT. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

To the Worshipfull RobT. Clive Esqr.

Deputy Governour &cA. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

It is with the utmost Reluctance that I offer any thing which may appear like opposing the Commands of my superiors, but the great loss I am like to suffer by having the provision of Materials for the Companys Buildings taken out of my hands at so short a warning will I persuade myself acquit me of any disrespectfull Intentions if I humbly presume to remonstrate the same in hopes of some relief I believe Gentlemen you cannot but be sensible that Materials are not to be purchased in this Country, particularly Bricks and Chunam, without considerable advances to a parcel of Indigent People who have little else but their labour to repay it, and upon Examining my Books I find that I have now outstanding on that Account upwards of Two Thousand Pagodas, were any Person to succeed me in the Employ he wou'd no doubt as has been always customary take the Ballances off my hands, but in the method now prescribed there is no means left me of evading so heavy a Loss. I therefore request you will represent the affair to the President &

Council who I hope will take it into Consideration & permit me either to continue the Business for a certain time longer in order to collect in my money, or direct that such part of the Ballances as shall appear just and reasonable may be taken on the Company's Accot. who if they carry on the Business themselves must of necessity employ the very People that stand indebted for them.

I am with Respect
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedt. Hble Servant
HUGH NORRIS.

FORT STT. DAVID,
20TH. AUGUST 1756.

No. 121.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT STT. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We dispatch this Express to your Honour &ca. to advise you of the arrival of our Honble Master's Sloop Syren, Yesterday Evening at Bimlepatam from Bengal, and it is wth. the deepest concern we are to acquaint your Honor &ca. that she brings us an Account of the Capture of Calcutta by the Nabob the 20th. of June last for the melancholy particulars of wch. we refer you to the accompanying Letters from the President & Council there and Mr. Manningham who is come on the above sloop in order to preceed to Madrass Over land wch. he intends doing wth. the utmost Expedition.

The Gentlemen at Bengal having applied to Us to supply the Syren wth. Stores and other necessarys we shall comply therewith and immediately dispatch her back to them agreable to their Orders, but as they inform us they shall soon want our further assistance, we therefore desire your Honor &ca. directions thereon.

Inclos'd you have Duplicate of our last and we persuade ourselves your Honor &ca. will pardon us for reminding you how essential it is to send us an immediate supply of Cash, otherwise our Investment will be much retarded and we greatly distress'd for Money for the Expences of our Garrison.

We have the Honor to be
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. Hble Servants
J. L. SMITH
MARMADUKE BEST.

VIZAGAPATAM,
13 AUGUST 1756.

No. 122.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT STT. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our utmost Efforts have been employ'd to dispatch to you sooner the Intelligence of the Capture of Calcutta by the Moors acting under orders of

Souragge Dowlat the New Nabob which Account we doubt not ill have reached you before this can possibly arrive by means of Pattamars from the Shrooffs or Foreign Nations. A Narrative of this unhappy Event will be in our opinion faithfully related to you by Mr. Charles Manningham which we have not time to commit at present to writing. The above Gentlemen we depute to your Honour &c[a]. on the United East India Companys behalf & Require from his Representation that you will support us with the whole force you can obtain on your Coast Military and Marine together with a sufficient quantity of Ammunition Cannon and all other Warlike Stores Military and Marine which may enable us to reestablish Ourselves in these Provinces which we esteem of the most Essential Consequence to the East India Company and Trade of India in general. It is highly proper to represent to your Honour &c[a]. that the English here were establish'd by Patent from the Grand Mogull under whose Orders all Subahs shou'd be dependant, But as your Honour &c[a]. are well acquainted that this province was overcome by Ally Wer de Cawn, who ma[i]ntained his Conquest by force of arms so was it possessed by his Grandson who assumed the Title of Sourage Doulat, wherefore further to favour our Cause and just Complaints for Restitution & Right to the Priviledges granted us by the Royal Phirmaund, We are to request you will without delay set forth to the Grand Mogull the Enormities committed by the present Nabob on a Nation that has always paid due Obedience to the Tenor of his Phirmaund nor infringed on its Priviledges, requiring and entreating by his authority to Reestablish us in all our Rights and that the loss sustain'd by the Company & Inhabitants of the Settlem[t]. may be made good. We are at present endeavouring to open a Correspondence with the Principal Men whom we are inform'd the Nabob attends to in hopes to bring on a Treaty untill we can obtain succour and that we may in some measure be relieved from our present Distress being in the utmost want of all necessarys of Life, and strict orders issued by the Government not to supply us with any provisions The Dutch and French are also prohibited giving us any assistance, Their Situation appears very precarious, and we are told the French have wrote for a large Reinforcement from Pondicherry. Our Determination is to keep the River untill We are inform'd of your Honour &c[a]. Resolutions and in case we are not able to procure any favour from the Government or shou'd be persecuted by the Enemy so as to be oblig'd to stand out to Sea we shall proceed to Vizagapatam, this we think proper to mention as it may be necessary that the ships in their way to the Bay call there for Intelligence which we shall lodge there if we are able to procure any Conveyances, for the Ingratitude of our immediate servants has been such, that we are drove to the necessity of doing every individual office for Ourselves nor have we been able to procure a Pattamar or a Persian Writer and it is with the utmost difficulty we have hitherto kept together a sufficient number of Lascars to work our ships and are dayly apprehensive they will quit us the first Occasion. We have desired the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam to provide & hold in readiness what provisions of every kind they are able to procure to be put on Board the Vessels coming down hither. We request your Honour &c[a]. to represent a full state of all the Occurrences to Rear Admiral Watson the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Squadron and entreat his Aid & Assistance with the Fleet which We hope may be able to proceed hither.

Monsieur Le Bon (who had command of one of our advanc'd Batteries, & defended the same very gallantly) accompanys Mr. Manningham, and will in Case of Accident happening to Mr. Manningham, deliver you these advices, We esteeming Mr. Le Bon qualified to give you a Circumstantial detail of our Military proceedings, as also inform you of the various Stores We are in want of.

As we imagine the news of this Capture will produce very bad Consequences in England to the Honble Company's Affairs if they receive it without being

inform'd at the same time of there being a Prospect of our resetling in Bengal. We are to request your Honour &c^{a}. will alter your Resolution for sending the Delawar to Europe till you know the Success of the Forces you may be able to assist us with. We are

OFF FULTA,
THE 13 JULY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. Servants
ROGER DRAKE, *Junr.*
C. MANNINGHAM.
W^{M}. FRANKLAND.
W^{M}. MACKETT.
P. AMYATT.
THO^{S}. BODDAM.

N°. 123.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

You must naturally conclude the Mind cannot recover itself in our present situation to transmit you such a Narration of the Event passed by the Capture of Calcutta by the Moors as the Circumstances thereof require to be penned wth. impartiality, which shall be my strictest Endeavours to set forth when I am eased of the anxiety my station has drawn on me. I am therefore now to entreat your Conclusions on any Conduct may be suspended untill the Motives, Actions and Reasons for such Our Conduct are impartially set forth.

I am wth. great Respect

SLOOP SYREN OFF FULTA,
THE 14TH. JULY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. servant
ROGER DRAKE, *Junr.*

N°. 124.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Para. 1. . . Our last advices were under Date the 15th. April Via Batavia when we inclos'd you an additional address intended to have gone by the Orange Tree Sloop dated the 9th. October, Duplicates of which are forwarded in this Ships Packet. We have since received your Commands of the 7th. March last ℔ Hartop Snow, to which and those brought us by the Brittania in May 1755 and Prince Edward Snow importing here in March last we shall now reply and give a Detail of our Transactions in the management of our Honble Masters concerns here since the Prince George's dispatch from hence in February 1755 Though to the time of the Exeter's dispatch for England in April last we must beg leave to refer you in general to our Advices to the Honble the Court of Directors by that ship and the Anson which come numbers in this Packet: what further has occurred worthy Notice we shall communicate under the following Establish'd Heads.

First Concerning Shipping.

2. . Our Letters above referred to will acquaint you with the time of the Elizabeths dispatch from Manna last year and that of the Anson, from the same Place, this with the quantity of Pepper shipped on Board of each, as well as our proceedings relating to the dispatch of the Exeter, which ship sailed from hence for England the 6th. of April last with a full loading of Pepper on Board her, and we hope (notwithstanding the lateness of season) will be in time to gain her Passage round the Cape.

3. . . The Marlbró Hoy & two unserviceable Long Boats were sold at Publick Outcry to the best bidders, the former for a mere triffle in comparison to the vast Sum she stood at on our Books, but as the Expence of navigating her was considerable and but little Service to be expected from her, we thought it wou'd be a saving to Our Masters to get rid of her on any Terms. The other and only Long Boat we had fit for Service was lost coming up from Pooloo with Timbers for our new Bridge; we therefore purchased another of Captn. Fernell for $ 125 . . and as Boats of this kind wou'd be of great use to us in loading & unloading our Storeship & other of the Companys Vessels we request that we may be furnished with the three promis'd us in your Letter by the Prince George as opportunities may offer, that the heavy Expence of Boat hire which our Honble Masters are now at may be as much as possible reduced.

4. . We are concerned to find a misconstruction of our Letter to your Honour &ca. by the Orange Tree Sloop shou'd have drawn on us your Censure; Our address to the Gentlemen at Bengall by that Conveyance which is entered in our Book of Letters sent now transmitted you will however we hope sufficiently acquit us of any design of deviating from the Obedience our Honble Masters have so strictly enjoined us to pay to You as our Superiours, and shew that the Intent of it was only to guard against having a ship sent us from thence again in the like Circumstances with the Elizabeth, as our Masters are by that means made accountable for Accidents not in our Power to prevent.

5. . . The Mary Sloop has been ever since June 1755 and still is station'd at Nattall where She must now remain (being the only Vesselle we have left and she extreamly out of Repair) till your Honour &ca. send us some Sloops for the Service of this Coast. For it is not but with the utmost Concern we are to acquaint you, that the Sloop Swallow the 6th. of May about two o'Clock in the afternoon just as she was about to Sail for Nattall with supplies of Stores for that Place and Mr. Randh. Marriott Resident on board, sunk in the Road without the least bad Weather or any other apparent reason that we can yet learn & with the Cargo she had in her notwithstanding all the assistance possible was immediately sent off to her entirely lost; The Lives of the People were however saved and Mr. Mariott who first left the Vessell was we find the first Person on Board who discovered the Perilous situation she was in, and had not they cut the Cable instantly & run the vessell nearer in, it's highly probable most of the People on Board her must have perish'd. The Master & Mate were confin'd immediately on coming ashore, as we apprehended the accident might have been owing to bad management in them and on the 8th. of May they were called before the Board & seperately examined concerning it, but neither of them cou'd give any distinct accot. of the matter from whence it seems most likely that she must have started a Plank; But to admit of such a supposition it must be allow'd that the time she was on shore under the Carpenters hands and the Expence of repairing her have been very ill bestowed, to which we have only to observe in answer That as we are in a great measure obliged to rely on our Workmen in Cases of this nature not being ourselves Competent Judges in such matters and the most Capable People we had were employed on her, we flatter ourselves this unfortunate

accident will not be imputed to any neglect in us particularly as the prodigious Expence this Vessell has run Our Masters to in Repairs ever since the first purchase of her is a convincing Proof that she must have been originally little worth; We are the more concern'd at this misfortune as our want of vessels is now extreamly pressing as well on account of supplying the Settlement of Nattall with stores or Men on any Emergency and to station there to protect its Trade from the Atcheneese & Dutch Cruizers, as to transport hither the Pepper from the Southern Settlements considerably augmented this last season, as we flatter ourselves it will now continue to do annually, and as we are at present under a necessity of Employing Country Boats to bring it up at the heavy rate of four Dollars ℔ Bahar and at a great risque we must earnestly request that the two Sloops of about Fifty Tons wrote for some time ago by the Supravisors & another of about Eighty of some Force to be station'd at Nattall in the room of the Swallow intended for that service, may be sent us as soon as possible, for without them Our Honble Masters Concerns must be extreamly prejudiced as private vessels are seldom to be hired for either of the above purposes that are trustworthy and the owners of them will make their own Terms shou'd an Emergent necessity of any kind oblige us to employ them Lascars sufficient to Navigate them & the Long Boats will be highly necessary likewise as they cannot be procured here on any Terms.

6. . . Captain Edwards Private Trader from Bengall but last from Madrass arrived on this Coast sometime in May last loaded with Opium, Iron, & Salt, the Detriment this must be of to the sale of those Articles on Acco^{t}. the Company has been already so often treated on and is so very Evident that it is needless here enlarging on the subject. We cannot however help observing that while the Company's Servants on this Establishment are debarred the Dismission from the service, it cannot but be a very sensible Mortification to benefits which the Trade of this Coast wou'd afford them, under Penalty of them to see those benefits enjoy'd by others who they are far from thinking have so good a right to them. We shall wave saying any thing further on this matter here but beg leave to submit our present Circumscribed Trade and Priviledges to your Consideration.

7. . . The adventure Snow a Private Vessell which was sent to Croee in February last for Pepper and by our Letter to the Honble Court of Directors ℔ Exeter your Honour &c^{a}. will perceive we had given over for lost, with much difficulty and in great Distress got to Batavia from whence after refitting she returned the beginning of last month but with only Ten Bahars of Pepper in her, the rest having been thrown overboard when she sprung a Leak.

8. . . As the last Seasons Pepper at Manna, was late in receiving we had only ready for the Anson on her arrival about the Quantity necessary to Compleat her Charter party Tonnage reckoning the Ninety Tons of Salt Petre put on board her at Bengall as part, before her Departure however we cou'd have compleated the Two Hundred and Fifty Tons we desired room for but as in such case we must have taken her Salt Petre out we chose rather to load on her no more than was barely sufficient to fill her up, reserving what was left on Hand for any ship that might be sent us for China this year, but the season is now too far advanced to expect one, we are nevertheless in hopes it will prove more beneficial to our Employers than if it had been sent to that Market; For as we have now on Hand near three Hundred Tons of Pepper at this Place and the several southern subordinates, two Hundred and Fifty Tons of which at least will be in readiness for shipping off by the latter end of February, and as we make no doubt this seasons Crop will rather exceed than fall short of the preceeding years (none of which is yet receiv'd) we think we may safely reckon on having a Compleat Loading of Four Hundred and Twenty four Tons on Hand (exclusive of that quantity for our annual Ship) by the latter End of February for any ship or ships that may be destin'd

hither to take it in, wch. we doubt not your Honour &ca. will therefore give such Directions about as to you may seem most conducive to the Interest of our Honble Masters.

9. . . The middle of last Month arrived here in a Sloop of his own the Dutch Governour of Macassar having designedly passed by Batavia intending to proceed from hence to Europe on accot. some private affairs of his as far as we can learn, depending in one of the Courts of Justice at Batavia. He has disposed of his Sloop & purposes remaining here till the Dispatch of our Store Ships.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE OF ONE PART OF INDIA TO BE DISPOSE'D OF AT ANOTHER.

10. . . The supply of Salt brought us by the Britannia last year proved of Infinite service to us, and the rice received from Bengall by the Anson came very opportunely. The Salt by this Vessell came very seasonably likewise as our Stock was very nearly exhaust[ed], we were oblig'd to restrain the Issues of it to reserve even the little we had left, This however ought by all means to be avoided as it gives great disgust to the Inhabitants & sets them about making it themselves to the detriment of the Investment and as the settlement of Nattall only if properly supplied wou'd take off all we have now on hand (where there is at present a very great want of it) exclusive of the great demand for it at Moco Moco & the other subordinates, we shall be able to dispense with as much more in about four or five Months, indeed if we are not supplied again by that time we shall be distress'd for want of it.

11. . . We have now in store of Rice about sufficient for six Months and therefore request your Honour &ca. will give the necessary Directions for our being supplyed with that article by the ship which may be sent us for our Surplus Pepper.

12. . . The Gunpowder sent us from Bengal by the Elizabeth Captain Wills proves so excessively bad [as] to be utterly unfit for use. We sent a Chest of it to Our Honble Masters by the Anson for their Inspection and Notice and now send one for the same purpose to your Honour &ca.

13. . . We are now in the utmost Distress possible for Military stores of all kinds; Our Guns are the greatest part of them so much Honey Combed as not to be fit for service, and the Carriages they are mounted on are so extreamly decayed & Rotten as to be insufficient to support their Weight. A Survey whereof and an Indent for new were transmitted to your Honour &ca. by the Prince George in February 1754 which we had hopes we shou'd have long since been supplied with. The vast Expence of Cooley hire & tediousness of our Workmen, deterred us from setting about making Carriages here, but the wretched Condition those we have are now in has at length obliged us to give directions for doing it. We must however, wait the arrival of the store-ship from Batavia before this work can be taken in hand not being able to procure proper Plank for them here wch. we have therefore given orders to the Captn. of the ship outward bound for this Place in a letter lodged for him at Batavia to purchase for us there; but as our being supplied from thence with Plank is a matter of doubt, and as we cou'd not even in that Case with the Workmen we have here expect to make any great progress in that work for many Months, we must request to be supplyed as well with them & Cannon as the several other Military stores inserted in the accompanying Indent, as soon as possible for the settlement now is in a most wretched defenceless state even against a Country Enemy for want of ammunition; not having above ten Barrels of Powder fit for service in our magazine, We thought it proper by this opportunity to advise you of this our situation and therefore gave directions to the Commanding Officers of the Military & Train to take a survey as

well of the Fortifications as Stores and give us their Opinions in writing concerning them, specifying such stores as we were in want of, which the above mention'd Indent is an Extract from, Their Letter to us on this occasion being entered after Consultation of the 5th. Inst.

14. . . The Salt, Wares &c^{a}. consign'd us by this Vessell have been all safely Landed & turned out right except the Salt, the deficiency in which after deducting the usual allowance of Six ℔ Cent for wastage has been made good by the Captain.

15. . . The five Pipes of Madeira Wine you have been pleased to send us were all disposed of as soon as Landed at an advance of 25 ℔ Cent on the Invoice price, and we return Your Honour &c^{a}. many thanks for this supply hoping the like Indulgence from you annually.

16. . . The Long Cloth white brought us by this Vessell was sent a few days ago to Moco Moco where there is an annual demand for near Forty Bales, so that the Quantity we have now receiv'd will not be near sufficient for this years Consumption, and we cannot depend on being furnish'd again from Private Hands and as the Planters without it will be much disatisfied and it is highly proper to have always a years stock on hand least we shou'd by any Accident be disappointed of the supplys intended us, we desire a further Quantity of at least sixty Bales may be sent us in time to be here by the latter End of November next which the Vessell that brings it may be order'd to land at Moco Moco as the northerly winds that constantly blow at the time of year and for the two or three succeeding Months wou'd not admit of its being transported thither from hence in time for answering this years demand, It wou'd be likewise saving both Risque & Expence was the vessell destin'd for this service ordered first to Nattall to land there about Thirty Coyan of the Salt she may have on board for this place.

17. . . The Ophium brought us from Bengall by the Anson and that purchased from Captain Norway last Year is great part of it still on hand, there is a great demand for it now at Nattall but we have no vessells for sending thither or indeed any where else supplies of any kind. There were ten Chests on Board the Swallow Sloop intended thither which were all lost except three, & those have sustained so much Damage as to be little worth. By a Private Vessell which sailed for that Place a few days ago we sent a small supply of six Chests wch. we hope is a safely arriv'd and will be sufficient to prevent the Merchants from purchasing at other Hands till we can furnish that Market more fully.

18. . . Our Arrack, and Sugar Works are in a very flourishing State, a Survey whereof has been taken for your more particular Information, which is entered on our Consultations; The demand we have for these articles at this Place & the several subordinates has taken off a Considerable part of what brought in by the undertakers since the Prince George's departure, the Remainder being about 36 Leaguers of Arrack and 146 Peculs of Sugar we now consign to your Honour &c^{a}. by this vessell reserving only six Leaguers of Arrack for answering the Expence atMarlbró & the call there may be for it from the Outsettlements.

19. . . The supply of Copper Cash sent us by this vessell was very seasonable as the Inhabitants have been for some time past put to great Inconveniences for want of small Money but as there is a great demand for Fanams as well here as at the outsettlements for paying the Pepper Customs we request we may be furnished with about Four Thousand Dollars worth by the first Conveyance.

20. . . The Resident of Nattall having sent us up some Gold on account the Honble Company being what receiv'd in part for Ophium sold there we have consign'd it to your Honour &c^{a}. by this ship as specified in the accompanying Invoice.

21. . . In this Packet we have forwarded our several Indents for the supplies we are in want of which we request your complyance with.

22. . . The number of Male Slaves at present here being very insufficient for the necessary Business of the Settlement and for sending to the Out residencys to accompany the Residents on the surveys, we must request to be supplied by any Opportunities that offer with One hundred more who are capable of enduring hard Labour.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

23. . . Our Letter to England by the Anson will give a Circumstantial Account of the then State of what relates to this Head, Copies of the several Papers therein referred to come numbers in this Packet for the Inspection of your Honour &c^{a}. The survey of Marlbró districts has been taken again this year by M^{r}. Henry Gregory, but the Business attending this Dispatch wou'd not admit of his Compleating the Sillebar Survey till after her departure, so that no report thereof has as yet been laid before Us. The Residents of Moco Moco & Cattown are we imagine set out by this time on a review of their respective Districts. Those of Laye & Manna will proceed on the like Service in a few days, but the Resident of Saloomah must wait sometime longer before he sets out as he is busily employ'd at present in receiving & carting up the last season's Pepper that it may be in readiness either for the storeship or the ship that may be sent us for our surplus. The Resident of Cawoor is lately arrived from his Residency where there appears to have been lately a large increase, we shall send Vessells thither shortly to transport from thence the Pepper on hand when he will return to survey his District again. The Resident of Croee is in too infirm a State of Health to undertake a Task of that kind but one of the Military there has been lately Employed on that Business which we hear is nearly Compleated, but we have as yet receiv'd no particular account of the state of the Plantations. The Resident however gives us assurances of a considerable Increase in the Investment this season of which indeed there is a most favourable Prospect on the whole Coast, your Honour &c^{a}. will observe by the abstract of Pepper now transmitted you that we had remaining the last of May about Two Hundred & Thirty Tons at this Place and its Subordinates, but by the Letters receiv'd since from the several Out-settlements we find there is now near three Hundred Tons on hand the greatest part of which will we can safely promise be collected in Time for the February Ship and therefore with the promising Prospect we have of an Increase in our Investment this year, we may venture to reckon on having a full Loading (exclusive of what our Storeship, annually takes away) for any ship that may be sent us for it by the latter End of February next, an Abstract of the last years surveys compared with those of the Preceeding comes a Number in the Packet whereby the Salutary Effects of sending Company's Servants on this service, will Conspicuously be shewn, and we beg your Honour &c^{a}. will be assured, no pains shall be wanting in us to further this Valuable Branch of our Honble Master's Concerns.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

24. . . By our advices to the Honble the Court of Directors dated in February last Your Honour &c^{a}. will observe that we had sent the Exeter to Nattall with a Reinforcement of Men & Supplies of Stores & had given orders to M^{r}. Carter to establish a Settlement at Tappanaouly which by our Letter to them in April ℔ Exeter you will find was accordingly Executed without much difficulty. The Dutch however will we are apprehensive endeavour to render our situation there as troublesome as possible at least by assisting the Atchineese and Bugginda Maharaja Lello's party with Money & Arms, if they do not act as principals, having in a most serious manner and with the utmost Impertinence in a Letter received from them summoned us to withdraw

from thence immediately on pain of the Consequences, as being a Place under the Jurisdiction of their Company, founding their principal right thereto on a Contract they pretend was concluded between the Dutch Company and the Chiefs there in December, last; But this Contract is proved beyond all dispute to have been imposed on one Dattoo Proas (a Person of no influence or authority there after they had intoxicated him with Liquor on Board a Dutch Sloop) for a Pass to Padang, who signed his name to it as such, and took upon him to sign likewise the name of one of the Principal Men of that place without his Privity or consent which he declared in a publick manner before Mr. Carter & other witnesses; The leading Men there declaring at the same time that they never were in any shape consenting or Privy to what Dattoa Proas had done and that he had no Power or authority either of his own or from them, to enter into any such Contract. This we thought sufficient to invalidate Pretensions so slightly founded and therefore determined, on considering this matter at the Board to maintain the Settlement established at Tappanaouly as long as we are able, against any attempts that might be made to dislodge us, unless we shoud receive your Orders to the Contrary; and this our Resolution we have communicated to the General & Council of Batavia in answer to their abovementioned Letter. The several Papers relating to this Transaction are entered in our Book of Letters receiv'd after Mr. Carter's Letter to us on the Subject, to which we beg leave to refer you for further particulars remarks. only here that shou'd we Evacuate the Bay of Tappanaouly & the Dutch make themselves Masters of it which wou'd inevitably be the Consequence Our Settlement of Nattall woud not be long worth maintaining.

25. . . Your Honour &ca. will observe in our Letter to England by Anson the Representations made by us to Our Masters of the unwarrantable proceedings of the Dutch Gentlemen at Padang in seizing a Praw belonging to this Place, bound for Nattall, (which being in want of Water & Provisions had put in at Batang Capas a place within the Dutch Company's Jurisdiction) under pretence that she was come there to carry on an illicite trade requesting their Interposition in behalf of the Owners in Case the General & Council of Batavia to whom we had made application shou'd refuse making them proper satisfaction which indeed we then judged wou'd be the Case, the Letter since receiv'd from them in answer to our demand proves our Doubts to have been well grounded, for notwithstanding Mr. Peter Garden was furnish'd with full and ample Power from the owners to act for them and applied to the General & Council for Restitution yet because the names of the Owners & the Person they had nominated to transact that affair for them were not inserted in our Letter (although they cou'd not be unacquainted with both) they made use of that as an Evasion for not giving the satisfaction we had requir'd of them, briefly telling us that the Gentlemen at Padang had acted in that affair by their Orders, and that they shoud treat in the same manner all Vessells of ours whether with or without Passes, that shou'd put in at any places under their Jurisdiction for Wood, Water or on any other Accot. whatever. Their Conduct since indeed proves such to be their Intentions, for a Praw belonging to the Deputy Governour that left this Place in April last bound to Sinkell having touched at Jeecow a place not far from Padang for water, was immediately seized and carryed thither, the Praw and Goods sold & the Noquedah and three or four of the Principal People belongs. to her made Prisoners where they still continue such. As we do not consider Concerns of this kind as of a private but publick nature, wherein not only the Honour of the Nation but the Rights & Priviledges of our Honble Masters and those of every Englishman are nearly concern'd, as People living under protection of the English Flag, furnished with English Passes & navigating Vessells solely belonging to the English, ought, we conceive to be look'd upon in the same light as English subjects and treated as such and as we have acquainted the General & Council of Batavia in our late Letter to them, that we shall apply (Through the English East India Company)

to his Brittanick Majesty for Justice for the Gross Injuries & Insults we have so publickly and unwarrantably received at their Hands, we do not purpose applying for, or accepting any other satisfaction than what shall in a publick manner be adjudged adequate to the Damages & losses we have sustain'd and consistent with the Honour of the Nation, which we shall therefore submit to our Honble Masters & request that your Honour &c^{a}. will back our Remonstrances to that End in your next General advices to Europe.

26. . . Mass Pangee Dupatty of Carrang Wharroo formerly a Subjest of the Sultan of Pullembong a Person of very Indifferent Character and who had been often suspected of seducing away the slaves belonging to the Chinese & other Inhabitants about Marlbro, being come down from the Country contrary to the Deputy Governour's Orders and as was imagin'd with no good design, on being sent for by him refused to come, whereupon he ordered the Ensign of the Arabs with some of his People to go & bring him by force, and a scuffle ensuing on the Occasion, Mass Pangee, in attempting to Creize [*sic*] the Arab Ensign was killed; His Dependants are fled to the Hills, of whom there is no great loss as they were a sett of troublesome Fellows and we believe no other bad Consequences will attend this accident, as he was a Person rather detested than Esteemed by the whole Country.

27. . . The Proateens of the Twelve Doosoons up Polley River who have been so frequently represented for their refractory behaviour and disregard of orders, were sent for down by a Party of Bugguesses & called before the Board to know their Reasons for not having made Plantations according to their Contracts with the Company, who alledged in Excuse for it that the Ground about the Parts where they were settled was not fit for Pepper, we then insisted on their removing lower down the river (as indeed they had often promis'd) but they urged against that, the many Inconveniences that woud attend it, we were determin'd however to accept of no other Terms which we at length brought them to agree to, and (though not without some difficulty) prevailed on them to deposit their Creizes [*sic*] in our hands as earnest of their Compliance. We sent a Party of Bugguesses to remain at their Doosoons till they were removed not thinking the Pledges they had left with us a sufficient security, the Bugguesses returned a few days after & brought us accounts that they found the Doosoons entirely abandoned, the Inhabitants of them on their approach, being fled either to the Woods or the Hills; We sent directions immediately to the Resident of Laye to get what Information he cou'd of their Motions, who acquaints us that they are all returned again to their Habitations and many of them removing lower down according to their promise but that he is of opinion most of them will still continue in their Doosoons if Bugguesses are not sent to oblige them to a removal: We shall take this matter into Consideration after the Dispatch of this vessell and oblige them either to comply with our Terms or retire again to the Hills.

28. . . There have lately happen'd at Croee two unfortunate accidents occasion'd by attempts to seize two or three People who have been troublesome there, one of which we have given a circumstantial acco^{t}. of in our Letter to England ℔ Anson, the other we beg leave to refer you to N°. 66 of Letters receiv'd for the Particulars of, We have the satisfaction however to acquaint you that there is no prospect of any Disturbance from either.

29. . . We have had no advices of Moment from Nattall since the Exeters departure.

30. . . We have augmented the number of Bugguesses stipulated by the Supervisors at most of the Outsettlements and shall be under a necessity of doing so at the Rest, as the Residents complain they cannot take the proper care of their Districts with the present Establishment and we are very sensible that if a proper use is made of them, they must be extreamly serviceable in promoting the Investment.

Fifthly of Fortifications Buildings Repairs & Revenues.

31. . . We have done nothing to any of the Buildings at this Place or at any of the Subordinates since our last advices to England. In the Letter we wrote you Via Batavia your Honour &c^{a}. will observe we have represented those at Marlbro to be in a very bad condition & that a late severe Earthquake had done considerable damage to them, particularly to Cumberland House and other Buildings within the Fort, a Report whereof from the Paymaster Superintendant of the Works & Bricklayer is entered on our Consultations. A General state of our Godowns Storehouses &c^{a}. was transmitted by the Supravisors in 1754 since when nothing has been done to any of them, so that we leave your Honour &c^{a}. to judge of their present Condition, shattered and shaken too as they have lately been by Earthquakes. We therefore must again take the liberty of representing to you the absolute necessity there is for setting about new as we cannot take upon us to answer for the bad Consequences that may ensue and the loss our Honble Masters may sustain by continuing their Concerns in such insecure and ruined Warehouses, neither do we think we have any Person here qualified to carry on the Works there is occasion for in a proper manner or to judge where it wou'd be most adviseable to pull down or only repair and therefore as the Expence will be heavy and in a manner thrown away if the Work is not well executed, we request a skillfull Person may be sent us to superintend and direct and a few Coast Bricklayers to assist as well as instruct those we have of the Company's in carrying on the Work, in this Case the Male Slaves we requested in a foregoing part of this Letter will be absolutely necessary for collecting Chunam Stone to supply the Kiln while the Works are carrying on.

32. . . We have been long in Expectation of your favourable Consideration & Determination on the representations made to Our Honble Masters by the Grantham, in January 1755 & to your Honour &c^{a}. by the Prince George in the February following relating to the Heavy Taxes our Trade here was burthened with, which added to the present indifferent standard of the Goods we are supplied with from the Coast (and to which we are by the late regulations peremptorily confined to) will not yield us any Profit. We cannot but think our present Circumstances too burthensome, we shall however decline entering into particulars & remark only that were the abovementioned regulations strictly to be put in force, we shou'd find it difficult to procure the common necessarys of Life. We beg leave to refer you to Consultation of the 15th. May last, for an Explanation of our meaning, where your Honour &c^{a}. will find we have made some Orders relating to the Price Curr^{t}. of Goods here by way of Limitation till we cou'd receive your further Directions concerning these matters which we cannot but earnestly recommend to your Consideration.

33. . . The Ophium Licences for the Current Year were sold at publick Outcry on nearly the same terms as last except Moco Moco which no one wou'd give more than Ninety Dollars ℔ Month for; The Arrack Licence we have continued in the Hands of the Arrack & Sugar Undertakers on the same Terms, it was let to them by the Supravisors which are better than any one else wou'd be willing to give.

Sixthly of Factors, Writers, Military Officers & Their Accounts.

34. . . M^{r}. Combes took passage for England on the Anson in February and M^{r}. Carter on the Exeter in April last so that we are left in the utmost Distress for Servants, our utmost care however shall not be wanting to keep Affairs in the best Order the few hands we have will admit of.

35. . . M^{r}. Marriott sailed from hence in June last for Nattall in order to take upon him the Charge of that Settlement where we hear he is safely arrived, M^{r}. Gunn succeeded him as Paymaster and we were obliged to appoint M^{r}. Darvall to the Employ of Accountant in the room of M^{r}. Gunn having

no one else qualified for it; Both he and Mr. Wyatt who succeeds him in the charge of Manna Residency are now there employ'd in taking the Remains where Mr. Darvall will continue till Mr. Wyatt has finish'd the survey, Mr. Preston succeeded Mr. Wyatt as Storekeeper & Mr. Dutton was appointed to the Charge of Croee Residency in Mr. Prestons Stead, but as he is now nominated to the Vaccant Seat at the Board occasioned by Mr. Carter's departure we shall think on a proper Person to suply his Place shortly.

36. . . The unsettled Situation of Affairs at Nattall and the Umbrage the Dutch seem to have taken at our settling at Tappanaouly renders it highly probable that we shall not long remain undisturbed there in which Case the present Military fforce at those places will we fear be barely sufficient to maintain our Ground and as our Garrison at Marlbro' has been already so much reduced by Deathe, Desertions & Detachments as to put it out of our power to send thither any further Reinforcements shou'd they be wanted on any Emergency, or to Croee or Moco Moco in case of disturbance, we thought it not prudent to send any Military on this Vessell particularly as our being supplied by the Storeship is very uncertain, which we hope your Honour &c^{a}. will not disapprove.

37. . . Ensign John Lambe who we advised in our Letter ℔ Orange Tree Sloop had our Permission for proceeding on that Vessell to the Coast takes passage by this Opportunity: He has receiv'd his arrears to Ult^{o}. September 1756.

38. . . Thos. Fletcher one of our Military here having been for a long time in a very declining way and as there is no appearance of his growing better here, we have given Captain Savage an Order to receive him on Board as a change of Air may probably reestablish his Health.

39. . . Mr. John Massey departed this Life the 1th. May last, he left a will but the Executors declining the Administration we were under a necessity of appointing a Committee from the Board to take upon them the management of his Affairs as his Concerns with the Company remain'd unsettled.

40. . . Mr. Daniel Tottie of whose dismission from our Masters service we acquainted your Honour &c^{a}. in our Letter by the Prince George remains here at an allowance of $ 15 ℔ Month till your pleasure can be known.

41. . . Mr. John Beach your Honour &c^{a}. will perceive by our Letter to England ℔ Exeter is dismissed the Service. His Disposition & manners have ever been such as to render him the Contempt of the Settlement, we therefore can on no Acco^{t}. recommend him for favour, & hope your Honour &c^{a}. will not disapprove of the resentment we have shewn to his late Extravagant Conduct.

42. . . The Allowance of £ 10 ℔ Month to Jacob Spears whom we degraded from the Rank of Ensign has been discontinued as he turned out so worthless a Fellow as not to deserve such Favour any longer.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

43. . . Nothing material that falls under this Head has occured since our last Advices to England except that we have receiv'd into Cash from the Committee apointed to the management of Mr. Massey's Affairs the sum of $ 1975. 1. 50 on account his estate which will be applied to the Discharge of his Debt to the Company.

44. . . The Ballance of our Honble Master's Cash here this Day is in Dollars, Sooca's & Cash; One Hundred Twenty Thousand three hundred & seventy five Dollars & Thirty Cash (120,375—30). We are very respectfully

FORT MARLBRO',
17TH. JULY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most
Humble Servants
JOHN PYBUS.
JOSEPH GUNN.
RICHD. PRESTON.

POSTCRIPT.

The Certificates granted on your Honour &ca. for Money receiv'd into Cash here are payable as follows Vizt.

Setts—		$	S.	Ca.	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
1	To Messrs. Kendall Pero & Gabbett payable to Mr. John Broheir or order dated 5th. July	830	—	—	503	1	7
1	To Captn. Edward Pero payable to Mr. Thos. Pelling dated Do.	200	—	—	121	7	50
1	To Captain Thos. Savage payable to himself or in his Absence to Henry Powney Esqr. dated do.	3400	—	—	2060	21	65
1	To the Revd. Mr. Arthur Neill payable to Messrs. Walsh & Van sittart dated Do.	597	—	—	361	29	3
1	To Mr. Richd. Wyatt payable to Messrs. Walsh & Van sittart dated 12th. July	181	—	—	109	25	—
1	To Mr. Robt. Jack payable to Messrs. Walsh & Van sittart dated Do.	1800	—	—	1090	32	5
1	To Mr. Samuel Dutton payable to Messrs. Walsh & Vansittart dated Do.	800	—	—	484	30	—
1	To Mr. George Freeth payable to Mr. Rd. Dawson Do.	495	—	—	300	—	—
1	To Mr. Joseph Darvall payable to Mr. Geo: Stratton Do.	369	2	55	223	33	6
1	To Do. payable to Mr. Saml. Ardley Do.	87	2	10	53	1	9
1	To Mr. Wotton Braham payable to Captn. Edward Burman dated Do.	1598	—	—	968	17	30
1	To Do. Payable to Do. dated Do. ..	1259	—	—	763	1	7
1	To Messrs. Gregory & Stodart payable to Messrs. Walsh & Vansittart, dated Do.	2100	—	—	1272	26	14
1	To John Pybus, Esqr. payable to the Revd. Mr. Samuel Stavely dated Do.	740	—	—	448	17	36
1	To Do. payable to Captain Edmund Maskelyne, dated Do.	288	—	—	174	19	50
15	Setts	$ 14745	—	65	8936	13	2

Fifteen setts of Certificates amounting to fourteen Thousand seven hundred & forty five Dollars Sixty five Cash or Eight Thousand Nine hundred & thirty six Pagodas thirteen Fanams & two Cash. We are very Respectfully

Fort Marlbro',
17th. July 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & most Hble Servants
John Pybus.
Joseph Gunn.
Richd. Preston.

No. 125.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Accompanying is an Additional Address intended you by the Orange Tree Sloop in Consequence of advices just then receiv'd from Nattall, but the Master wou'd not wait for it, we have since found it necessary to establish a Settlement at Tappanooly which we apprehend will raise new Jealousies in the Dutch, afford matter for fresh Disputes and consequently call for a larger Force to frustrate their Intrigues, maintain our Honble Master's right and protect their Trade, We do not think this a proper opportunity to treat so fully on this subject as we wou'd choose, and shall therefore only repeat our Request for leave to detain the Military brought us from England by the Prince George and that a Vessell of some force may be sent us.

We shall be shortly in great want of Salt unless we receive a large supply by the Prince George or some other Conveyance. Rice we were furnished from Bengall but we shall be able to dispense with as much more when Your Honour &ca. have an opportunity of supplying us Long Cloth White for the Moco Moco consumption we have a large call for, as well as a quantity of Cloth for slaves Cloathing. Fanams & Copper Cash we have been greatly distressed for want of and we take the liberty of reminding your Honour &ca. of our Indent for Military Stores by the Prince George in February 1754 and to request your compliance therewith as we are in the utmost Distress possible for the Gun Carriages in particular and shall in prudence & Duty be under a necessity of putting our Honble Masters to a heavy Charge on that account if not speedily supplied; Gun Powder too we shall want at least two hundred Barrells of as that sent us by the Gentlemen of Bengall ℔ Elizabeth is utterly unfit for service: Our Buildings will many of them we are very apprehensive not stand much longer being so decay'd, A Report whereof was transmitted you in 1754 and we have since been in hopes of receiving some directions concerning them. A skillfull person to survey them is more particularly necessary at present, as a late severe shock of an Earthquake has not only greatly prejudiced the old Buildings but done considerable damage to the Fort House, which on being examined by the Paymaster, Superintendant of the works & Bricklayer has been reported by them as irrepairable. We did not however think it proper to do any thing in a work of such Moment ourselves, but take the liberty of recommending it as a matter deserving your particular notice, as the utmost bad Consequences are to be apprehended from its fall owing to the Inconvenience of its situation and which is an Event to be looked for in its present condition should it be put to such another Tryal.

Mr. John Fabry whom your Honour &ca. sent here with a Breviate Commission as Ensign died the day he landed, his Effects were sold at Publick Outcry and their produce remitted to England by Bill agreable to his Direction.

The Anson Captn. Debuke which imported here the 29th. Decemr. last

	Tons.	qrs.	lb.
from Bengall to fill up took on board	196	5 2	11

of Pepper being all she wanted to compleat her Tonnage and sailed for England from Manna the 14th. February, she met with a long Detention at that place from the badness of the Weather.

The Exeter Storeship returnd from the Expedition she was sent on to Nattall the 11th. Ulto. and was dispatch'd to England with a full Loading of Pepper the 5th. Inst. we hope notwithstanding the lateness of the season that she will save her Passage round the Cape.

Messrs. Combes & Carter have taken passage for England the former on the Anson the latter on the Exeter.

The Residents of the several Outsettlements will set out on the survey of their Respective Districts shortly and we flatter ourselves with hope of an increase in the Investment this year, and can therefore venture to promise a surplus of 250 Tons for any ship which may be sent Us from Bengall to fill up, shou'd we have reason hereafter to apprehend a Disappointment we will be carefull to give timely notice.

Our Annual Books Papers and Advices shall be duly transmitted by the first proper Conveyance which offers. We are

Fort Marlbro',
15th. April 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & most Humble Servants

John Pybus.
Joseph Gunn.
Richd. Preston.

No. 126.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Orange Tree Sloop being detained here by Contrary Winds we take the opportunity of communicating some advices from Nattall receiv'd since our Letter under date the 30th. Ulto. wherein we have given you a short account of the situation of Affairs here.

By Letters receiv'd yesterday from Mr. Carter Resident of Nattall, we find and it is with concern we acquaint you that the troubles are again broke out with more violence than ever there in which the Atchineese are the Principal Actors have joined Bugginda Maharaja Lello & his Party which we are apprehensive will greatly endanger the security of the Settlement, under these Circumstances we came to a resolution to send thither the storeship with a further reinforcement of 50 Men & a large supply of ammunition of which last Mr. Carter advises they are in great want, & we are in hopes that with this Additional force they will be able to Dislodge the Enemy & restore Tranquility for a longer time than we cou'd otherwise expect and here we think it highly necessary to represent to your Honour &ca. that the Atchineese if encouraged & supported by their King will we apprehend be an Enemy too powerfull for us to oppose with our small Force, we submit it therefore to your Honur &ca's.

Determination whether or no representations from you to their King on this subject might not be the most Effectual means for putting an end to the present Commotions, and we apprehend that if one of the King's Sloops or small ships cou'd be spared to send to Nattall, it wou'd be attended with very good Effects not only with regard to the People of those Countries but with our Rivals the Dutch who we have much reason to think are assist^{g}. our Enemies under hand but this also we leave to your better Judgement.

As we are under some apprehensions for the Prince George on which Ship we Chiefly rely on for a Supply of Rice and as M^{r}. Carter has wrote very pressingly for a supply of that Article which we are not able to furnish him with. We hope your Honour &c^{a}. will not be unmindfull to take the first opportunity of furnishing us.

As Lieutenant Frith whom we order'd to Nattall some time ago, has behav'd there much to our satisfaction & is an Old Experienced Officer we thought it proper that the Military Command shou'd be continued in his hands & have therefore given him a Breviate Commission as Captain, as he cou'd not otherwise act in that Capacity. Lieutenant Stodart whom we send on this Detachment being a Senior Officer on this Establishment as we think his Merit sufficiently entitles him to your Honour's favour we recommend him to you for a Confirmation of the same.

Ensign John Lambe whom we acquainted you in our Letter of the 30th. Ult^{o}. had taken his Passage to the Coast by this Vessell we have been obliged to detain on Account of these Disturbances, and send him to Nattall with this Detachment from whence he will take his Passage to the Coast if a Conveyance offers as soon as the Troubles there are over.

We are

Fort Marlbro',
9th. October 1755.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

John Pybus.
Joseph Gunn.
Rich^{d}. Preston.

N°. 127.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council of
Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your favour of the 21st. whe[n] the Dragon Sloop arrives she shall be unloaded and returned [to] you immediately.

M^{r}. Charles Saunders departed this Life at six o'Clock this Morning.

We are with Respect

Fort S^{t}. David,
29th. August 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

A. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Rich^{d}. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

No. 128.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your favour of the 27th. All the Chevau de Frise belonging to this Garrison were such as were left behind by Admiral Boscowen, the best of which were sent to Fort St. George about three years ago, of those that remain the Pikes are entirely eaten to Powder by Vermin being Europe Wood, and the Barrells much in the same Condition, and of no other use than what they are at present put to, being fixed in the Walls of the Labratory as Shelves to support Grape shott and other Labratory Stores.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David,
30th. August 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Hble Servants

A. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner

No. 129.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on your Honour &ca. to inclose Duplicate of our last of the 13th. Instant.

The Sloop Syren arriv'd here this Morning from Bimblepatam; as our Honble Master's Servants at Bengall have so earnestly requested us to assist them with Provisions Naval Stores &ca. and Mr. Manningham having represented to us their necessitous circumstances and considering the Troops we hear you have lately sent there on the Delawar may increase their difficulties, we therefore intend sending on the said Sloop what rice we can speedily procure and such Stores as we can spare, with which we propose dispatching her in a few Days, and hope your Honour &ca. will approve of our Conduct herein.

We have the Honour to be

Vizagapatam,
15th. August 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hble Servants

J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best.

No. 130.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

My last Address bore date the 2d. Inst. Duplicate of which is enclos'd.

This is chiefly to acquaint your Honour &c^{a}. that at the request of M^{r}. Charles Manningham I am preparing to send such stores as can at present be spared from hence, with what provisions can be procurd hereabouts, and have Freighted a Vessell to carry the same to Bengall which I am in hopes of dispatching in Six or Seven Days, when I shall transmit an account particulars of the same to you and make no doubt but this proceeding of mine will meet with your Honour &ca's. Approbation.

At the foot hereof is the account of Cloth on Hand & I remain

INGERAM,
22^{D}. AUGUST 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servant
FOSS: WESTCOTT.

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N°. 131.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
&C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclos'd is a Packet for the Honble the Court of Directors which we have sent under a flying seal for your Perusal and beg you will close and forward it by the most Expeditious conveyance. We likewise send inclos'd Duplicates of our Letters of the 6th. & 7th. Instant to your Honour &c^{a}. & are with Respect

CHANDERNAGORE,
THE 18 JULY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. Hble Servants
WM. WATTS.
M. COLLETT

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^{R}.
CHARLES MANNINGHAM.
WILLIAM FRANKLAND.
WILLIAM MACKETT.
PETER AMYATT.
THOMAS BODDAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have receiv'd your Favour of the 6th Instant from on Board the Daddalay off Fultah and are obliged to you for your Congratulations for our safety, as we were Prisoners all the time of our stay in the Camp it was little we cou'd learn of the Nabob's intentions concerning the English, only we heard from all quarters that he was greatly irritated against your Honour &c^{a}. particularly the Governour against whom since the taking of the Place his Expressions have been very harsh and he has threatned both French & Dutch with Extirpation if they assist you with any Provisions. Therefore we are without any hopes that an application to the great Men will have any Effect at present though

had your Honour &c^{a}. thought proper to treat before the Nabob reached Calcutta we are pretty certain a sum of Money wou'd have made all easy prevented the Loss of the Settlement & the Ruin of many Thousands & We wrote to your Honour &c^{a}. to that Purpose when we were off Houghley the only opportunity we had while in the Camp & are informed the Letter came to hand and a Proof that the Nabobs intent was to Accommodate Matters, was that he touched none of the Company's Effects at Cossimbuzar except the Warlike Stores, shou'd the Nabob think fit to permit the English to return & resettle we are affraid it wou'd be not only with the Loss of all their Priviledges but on such shamefull Terms that English men we hope will never consent to and we likewise think that after your Honour & the Majority of you had quitted Fort William which still held out your Power as a Governour & Council from that Moment ceased and we are of Opinion that you have no authority to indemnify us for acting by your Orders in Case your future measures shou'd not be approved of by Our Honble Masters, for the above Reasons we have declined delivering the Letters you sent us.

We hope you will on serious Consideration excuse us for being so cautious in an Affair of such Consequence.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. Hble Servants

Wm. Watts.
M. Collet.

Chandernagore,
July 8th. 1756.

To William Watts & Mathew Collet Esqrs.

Gentn.

Your Letter of the 8th. Instant came to Hand this Morning and We now protest in behalf of our Honble Employers against you William Watts and Mathew Collet Esqrs. for declining to obtain Translation and Delivery of the Letters enclosed under your Cover to Monick Chund, Roy Doolob, Golam Hossein Cawn & Coja Wazeed, for all Damages & Wrongs which may ensue by the Deprivation of our Priviledges as contained in the royal Phirmaund and do now possitively direct you to follow the Instructions We gave you in our Letter of the 6th. Instant having been advised to take that step, & esteeming it ourselves as advantagious and for the Interest of the Honble Company.

We are
Gentn.
Your most Obed^{t}. Hble Servants

Roger Drake, *Junr*.
C. Manningham.
Wm. Frankland.
Wm. Mackett.
P. Amyatt.
Thos. Boddam.

Off Fulta,
the 15th. July 1756.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
Charles Manningham
William Frankland.
William Mackett
Peter Amyatt
Thomas Boddam.
} Esqrs.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your Letter or Protest dated the 13th. of July 1756 and are surprised you shoud Protest against Us for all the Damages & Wrongs

which may ensue by the Deprivation of our Priviledges contain'd in the royal Phirmaund when we think We can with more propriety say that the Majority of you Gentlemen deprived our Honble Masters of their Priviledges as contain'd in the royal Phirmaund when you incensed the Nabob to come against Calcutta and then deserted the Place & fled on Board your ships, which in all probability & by all Accounts was the occasion of the Loss of the Place which might have been defended if you had staid, and by which step We are of opinion you abdicated your several stations and are now no longer to be deemed Servants of the Company, But setting the above aside if we thought it had been for our Honble Masters Interest we shou'd not have hesitated a Moment getting the Letters Translated & Delivered but if you at this time look on yourselves as a Governour & Council you must of Course allow us our stations, in consequence of which We are persuaded We have a right to Dissent and make our representations against any of your measures which we think contrary to the Interest of our Employers as an Application at present We are of opinion is and that it wou'd be more advisable to wait to see what steps the Governour & Council of Madrass may be able to take to reestablish the Company's Affairs and Credit in Bengall. We having advised them of the taking of Calcutta the 3d. Instant by express Cossids therefore we think an application will be more Efficacious and made with a better Grace when any Force arrives from thence than it can at present whereas shou'd the Nabob now permit you to return into a ruined and Defenceless Town it may be with an Intent to Replunder the Place and secure your Persons for we are of opinion the Nabob is not to be trusted after Things have gone the length they have and as a further reason to imagine that your return may be attended with a risque, is, the harsh and inveterate manner in which the Nabob has express'd himself against Mr. Drake.

We are credibly informed that when you wrote us you made application to those who had more Interest and Power to give weight to your Proposals than We who by great Intercession had but just obtain'd our Liberty. On our coming to the knowledge of this our Intermedling We thought might have been rather hurtfull than any ways of service, however if after the reasons We have given you are still of opinion that the Letters you sent us ought to be translated and delivered we shall agreable to your Desire get them done and send them to the respective Persons directed except Golam Hossein Cawn who is turned out of the Province. We have no Power or Interest of our own to make applications if we had we shou'd certainly have before made use of it for the service of our Honble Employers. We are with Respect

CHANDERNAGORE,
THE 14TH. JULY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. Hble. Servants
WM. WATTS.
M. COLLETT.

COPY.

No. 132.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This is designed to inform you of a most melancholy & surprising Revolution in the Honble Company's Settlemts. here in Bengall having been all taken by the Nabob Seerajah Dowlot, as we have not received the least advice from any of the Gentlemn. of Calcutta of a later date than the 9th. of June we are oblig'd to depend on the French for a particular Account of the taking of Fort William, we now inclose your Honour &ca. the Account receiv'd by

Monsr. Courtin the French Chief here, from their Secretary at Chardanagore. We see no reason to doubt the authenticity of it more especially as every material Circumstance is confirmed by the Moors who have from the beginning assur'd us that the Cause of the Nabob's anger against the English proceeded from the Governour & Council having given Protection to one Kissendoss who had been the Naib of this City, he retired to Calcutta in March last with great riches part of which are said to belong to the Widow of Nowagies Mawmud Khan who died in November last & whose riches Seir Rajah Dowlot claimed on his coming to the Subahship of Bengall, when the Nabob sent a Perwannah to demand him, Mr. Drake tore the Perwannah & threw it into the Face of his Messenger, this Insult provoked Seerajah Dowlot to such a Degree that they say he took an Oath to drive the English out of Bengall which he very soon put in Execution as you'll observe Cossimbuzar was delivered without Firing a Gun & Fort William only resisted him three Days, We take the Liberty to enclose your Honour &ca. copies of our Consultations of the 27th. & 28th. Ultimo when we were obliged to surrender our Factory & ourselves Prisoners to Seerajah Dowlot from whom we are in hopes soon to obtain our Liberty as he has already released Messrs. Watts & Collet &ca. If we are so happy as to get our Liberty our Present Design is to proceed to Madrass where we shall depend on your Honour &ca. Councils protection & kind assistance having lost every Thing we had in the World except a few Cloaths. We wou'd have sent you Copies of our Consultations & Letters from the Beginning of the Dispute but as this goes by a Pattamar it wou'd make too large a Packet. We design by a French ship bound to Europe which is to leave Chardanagore next month to address ourselves to the Honble Court of Directors & give them the best account we are able of the miserable state of their Affairs in Bengall, as we flatter ourselves your Honour &ca. Council will not think us any way to blame in delivering up our Factory after the surrender of Fort William we are to request your kind representation of our Case shou'd you have an opportunity of writing the Court of Directors before we have the Pleasure to see you as by all accounts the Riches Mr. Drake &ca. have carried off with them are immense, we hope our Honble Employers will be in some measure indemnified for the great loss they must have suffer'd by the taking their Settlements in Bengall.

We are with great Respect

Dacca,
July ye. 13th. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. Hble Servants
Richd. Becher.
Luke Scrafton.
Thos. Hyndman.
Samuel Waller.

No. 133.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Favour of the 31st. Ultº. and agreable to your Directions have given Orders to the Committee of Works to examine into the several Ballances due to Mr. Norris, and to take for the Companys Account such as are reasonable.

We returned the Dragon Sloop Yesterday with sundry stores, for which we now transmit you an Invoice.

Enclos'd you will receive a compleat List of the Invalids and Pensioners on this Establishment drawn out in the manner you prescribed, We also forward you Copy of a report of Unservicable Stores in this Garrison delivered in some time ago by Captain D'Illins and Mr. Call which was omitted to be sent you respecting which We request your Honour &ca. Directions.

Our Consultations & Monthly Accounts for July with our Committee's Report on them now wait on you.

Our Merchants having promised to bring in better Cloth in future, and their Ballances being reduced pritty low We have agreed to make them an advance which with the Disbursements of the Settlement has brought the Pagoda Cash very low, We must therefore request a further Supply.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David,

17th. September 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Hble. Servants

A. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

To Robert Clive Esqr.

Deputy Governour &ca.

Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

In Compliance with your Orders of the 21st. July We have examined the several Stores hereafter mentioned And find them in so decayed a Condition as to render them unfit for any Service whatsoever.

The Body of a Field Carriage for a Six Pr.

Nine Wheels belonging to French Tumbrils.

Five French Tumbril Boxes.

The Body of a French Field Carriage.

One Old Ginn.

Two Limbers for Field Carriages.

Four Cheeks of Mortar Beds for Sea Service.

Several Old Trucks.

Three Old Boats.

157 Chevaux de Frize, the Barrells of which being of Deal and the Pikes of Ash are entirely rotton or eat up by the White Ants.

We are

Fort St. David,

11th. August 1756.

Gentlemen

Your most obedient Humble Servants

Lewis D'Illins.
John Call.

To Alexander Wynch Esqr.

&ca. Council at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have examined the Accounts of this settlemt. for the Month of July, the Calculations Additions & Statements of which are Right, & the few observations that Occur on them are as follows.

Export Warehouse.

Agreable to the recommendation of the Fort S^{t}. George Committee the Allowances of Wax and Rosewater which used to be charged Monthly in this Account are now omitted and transfer'd to the Paymasters Charges General.

Paymaster.

Peons and Servants Wages.
Charges General
Charges Cattle.
Charges Diet.

These Articles in the Paymaster's Accounts are considerably swell'd this Month by the Allowances paid Robert Clive Esqr. as Deputy Governour from the time of his arrival at Bombay in Consequence of the President & Councils Order & the Charges Extraordinary are likewise encreas'd by Travelling Charges to him & M^{r}. Starke and a quantity of Table Linnen made up for the use of the Deputy Governour.

Military Storekeeper.

The Disbursements to the Garrison in this Account under the Head of Charges General is Pag^{s}. 425–35–63 which seems to be considerably higher than has been for some Months past but on Inspecting the Dyary it appears that upwards of two hundred & fifty Pagodas of the Amount are in stores and Materials Delivered the Laboratory for making and repairing of Grape Shot, for which when compleated the Charges General will be credited back again.

What the Committee of Accounts at Madrass observe regarding the Entrys in the Military Storehouse not Corresponding is very just & Cannot be prevented Whilst the Accounts are kept in the Way they are at present, as many of the stores that are delivered out in the Month are not worked up till a Considerable time after & then brought to Account, the Military Storekeeper keeping a Memoradum of them during that time; As this is irregular we submit it to you whether it wou'd not be better that they shou'd all be charged Monthly in the Paymasters Books & he have credit by the proper Heads when they are finish'd, but this We shall give you Our opinion on more fully in our next report.

In respect to the Import Warehouse, Storehouse, Military Paymaster & Customers Accounts we have nothing material to remark & therefore shall only add that it is our opinion they may be pass'd.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Hble servants

A. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.

Fort S^{t}. David,
31st. August 1756.

N°. 134.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &c^{a}. Council of Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Ballance of our Pagoda Cash being reduced very low, We have granted Alexander Wynch Esqr. a Sett of Bills of Exchange on your Honour &c^{a}. for three Thousand (3000) Pagodas payable at five days sight to Messrs.

John Walsh & Henry Vansittart for so much receiv'd into the Honble Companys Cash here and We hope this step will meet with your approbation.

We are with respect

Fort St. David,
9th. September 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

A. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

No. 135.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr. Brickenden having long labour'd under an ill state of Health and is at present so much Indispos'd that he is incapable of giving that attention to the Company's Business that is requir'd of him obliges me to request your Honr. &cas. permission to entertain a Monthly Writer in the service. I must also desire that you will appoint some Person here as the Company's head Conicoply. I have only one at present and he not endued with the most alert Faculties, indeed was he ever so able a person it wou'd be impossible for him to manage every different Branch, of Business in this settlement, wherefore I hope your Honour &ca. will be persuaded of the reasonableness of my request & be readily induced to comply with it.

Mr. John Darke whom you Honour &ca. have been pleased to promote to the rank of Ensign, has demanded of me the Difference of Pay due to him since the Date of his Commission, He has hitherto only receiv'd Allowance as Volunteer. This I have deferr'd complying with till I have your Directions.

As I am frequently under a necessity of indenting to your Honour &ca. for supplies of stores for the use of this Garrison the transportg. of which are attended with an Expence of Cooley hire, beside a considerable risk of miscarriage in Case of Disturbances in the Country induces me to make a proposal to Your Honour &ca. of providing those Articles here which I find can be furnish'd at the same Rates as stipulated at Madrass. This will be a saving to the Company of the abovementioned Cooley hire & risk, and will be also convenient for the supplying Trichinopoly with whatever quantity of stores may be wanted there. If this proposal meets with your approval I shall be glad of your Commands relative thereto and that you may be acquainted how nearly they correspond with the Prices of those made at Madrass. I now enclose you a List of their Cost.

The repairs of the Fortifications you were pleased to direct I must say in Justice to Mr. Hume's merit, have been carried on with great Vigour, and are now far advanced, however for the more clearly obviating to Your Honour &ca. what is already finish'd & what further to be done entirely to compleat them, I have desired Mr. Hume to give me a plan of it drawn in Colours. with proper references to it, explaining the repairs that have been made, and the remains of the Decay'd Works when finish'd I shall transmit to you.

Mr. Hume in examining the Ground where the intended Ditch was to be made, and the new Counter Guards erected, has discover'd two Walls that formerly composed the Faces of a Ditch of fifty seven (57) Feet wide that entirely surrounds the Fort, and if Your Honour &ca. intend prosecuting the

Design already laid before you in Mr. Humes Plan This will I imagine in some measure decrease the Estimate, and occasion some alterations in his former Projection; But this you will be better able to judge of, when you see the Draught Mr. Hume is about.

It has been a usual practice here, when a Seapoy Officer, or Seapoy, has been kill'd in the service, to grant a Pension to their Families; We had a Seapoy unfortunately destroy'd by an Allegator last Month, as he was coming to his Duty in the Fort; I shall be glad to know whether Your Honour &c^{a}. consent to his Familys being allow'd the same Indulgence.

I am with Respect

Deve Cotah,
9th. Septr. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obed^{t}. Hble. Servant
Jam^{s}. Bourchier

A List of The Prices of Military Stores Viz^{t}.

					fa.	Ca.
Cartridge Boxes & Strops without Buckles	100	Charg'd	at	Pa^{s}.	16	24
Sword Belts without Buckles	12	d°.	at	1	18	—
Bayonet Belts and Frogs without Buckles	12	d°.	at	1	18	—
Drum Heads	12	d°.	at	1	18	—
Snares	15	d°.	at	1	24	—
Sword Scabbards without Chapes & Hooks	100	d°.	at	6	—	—
Bayonet d°. d°. d°.	100	d°.	at	5	—	—
Hammers	100	d°.	at	2	3	—
Pickers	100	d°.	at	—	12	40
Worms	100	d°.	at	1	1	40
Buckles	100	d°.	at	1	1	40
Beetelas for Colours						
Red of 18 Covids long ℔ Corge	d°.		at	27	18	—
Blue of 30 d°. d°. d°.	d°.		at	27	18	—
White of 30 d°. d°. d°.	d°.		at	20	—	—
Wax Cloth each p^{s}. 32 Covids long ℔ piece ..	d°.		at	2	27	—

N°. 136.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &c^{a}. Council of Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your Favour of the 14th. and the supply of Twenty Thousand Pagodas.

We must request you will if possible send us a further supply of Stationary, as the quantity receiv'd by the Dragon Sloop is by no means sufficient for the Expence at this Settlement much less to supply either Deve Cotah or Trichinopoly.

We are with Respect

Fort S^{t}. David,
20th. Septr. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. Hble Servants

Alwx^{r}. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Rich^{d}. Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

No. 137.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressed Your Honour &ca. the 15th. Ulto. ℔ Favour of Mr. Manningham which hope You have duely received.

We dispatch'd the Sloop Syren to Bengall the 25th. on which We sent some Rice, & other Necessaries Invoice of which We enclose, but as We are Ourselves very bare of all kind of stores We were unable further to assist the Gentlemen at Bengall with those Articles than by supplying the Syren with what she was most in want off and giving her what other repairs the Time wou'd admit, the particulars & Charges thereof sign'd by Capt. Smith We likewise Transmit You.

Our Cash Account and other Monthly papers wait on you herewith, your honour &ca. must have Observed by our last Cash Account our incapacity of carrying on the Investment or even of defraying the Current Expences of our Garrison without a present supply. Mr. Smith therefore has advanc'd for the Honble Company's Use Arcot Rupees Twenty Thousand & Madrass Pagodas Ten Thousd. the Necessity for which as well as the real Advantage that has already acrued to our Investment thereby (Our Merchants having brought in Cloth for a considerable part of the Amount) will We hope Induce your Honour &ca. to approve thereof, however humbly represent that not having yet receiv'd any Supplys Our Cash is Reduc'd to its former low State and consequently are again involved in the same Difficulties, We therefore earnestly entreat your Honor &ca. to take it into Consideration and send us as soon as possible a large supply both of Rupees & Pagodas.

We send on this Ship the Bombay Frigate One Peter Hare belonging to our Train of Artillery who having served his contracted time & requesting his Discharge, We have granted it.

We are with great Respect

Vizagapatam,

3d. Septr. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. Hble servants

J. L. Smith.

Marmaduke Best.

No. 138.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have Receiv'd your Favours of the 21st. and 23d. His Majesty's Ship Bridgewater arrived here Yesterday Noon, The Military were immediately landed also the Rupees which turn out Right, and agreable to Your Commands the Ship now Returns with One hundred Men Drafted from the Military and Train of This Garrison, with Captains Campbell & Callender Lieutenant Brooke, and Ensign Knox, We have likewise sent You sundry Military Stores as ℔ Invoice enclosed.

The five Companys of Seapoys march'd the 24th. under the Command of Kerjah Sing, the Rolls now wait on You

We have also laden on this Ship Thirty Three Bales for which We Transmit You the Invoice.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David,
28th. Septr. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. Hble Serv^ts.

Alex^r. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Rich^d. Fairfield.
Charles Turner.

N°. 139.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &c^a. Council of Madras.

Honble Sir & Sirs

On the 4th. Ult°. came to hand your favour of the 11th. July which this is chiefly to acknowledge receipt of, and to enclose You Copy of a Letter from the Consul at Cairo forwarded to the Chief in a private Letter from a Gentleman at Judda, into whose hands it fell.

The French by the Mediation of our Prince are again in Possession of Molaly: But as they have since broke almost every Article then settled with the Nelleaseram Powers, Hostilities will probably be commenced again between Them.

We are

Tellicherry,
September 16th. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Thos. Hodges.
S. Evans.
Thos. Satchwell.
Henry Johnson.

Gentlemen

As I suppose any News will be agreable to You from this Part of the World I am to inform You that Eight Days ago arrived at Alexandria a French Bark in Fourteen Days from Marseilles, who met with Twenty French Men of War and Two hundred Transports steering their course for Mahon; They came out of Toulon and Letters from Marseilles by the said French Bark say they had Eighteen Thousand Men on board and were intended to attack Mahon, and we cannot hear of any English Squadron in these seas but Trust in God they will observe their Motions as it's a long Time they talk of attacking Mahon and the English had ordered salt Beef to be sent There from Leghorn.

The French had not made a formal Declaration of War but We hourly expect it.

The English had Taken upwards of four hundred Sail of French, which were ordered to be sold.

I have just Notice of this Najab so can't enlarge but must Desire the Gentleman that opens this to communicate it to the Gentlemen of the Different Factorys that Our Ships may be on their Guard.

Holland and Spain it seems stand Newter; Russia had given us according to the Gazeettes $\frac{55}{m}$ which are on their March.

I am with the Greatest Esteem,

GENTLEMEN
Your Obedt. Hble Servt.
SAMUEL BUTLER.

CAIRO,
12TH. MAY 1756.

TO THE HANDS OF ANY
ENGLISH CAPTAIN AT JUDDA.
Attested to be a True Copy by Me.

HENRY JOHNSON,
Secry.

No. 140.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

DUPLICATE.

By this Vessell the Don Carlos Snow I have laden on Account & Risque of the Honourable United East India Company (255) Two hundred and fifty five Bales of Callicoes, Amounting to Twenty Two Thousand five Hundred & fifty five Pagodas Six Fanams & fifty four Cash (22555–6–54) as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Enclos'd.

The European I some Time since acquainted your Honour &ca. had deserted to the French at Yanam, and was suffer'd to go from thence to Rajahmundrum, Notwithstanding the Demand I made of him conformable to Treaty has since been Restor'd to Me.

Enclos'd comes an Indent for Stores wanting at this Place, as also the Account Quick Stock & Cash Account to this Dispatch, which being all the Material at present. I Remain

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Hble. Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

INGERAM,
18TH. SEPTEMBER 1756.

INDENT OF STORES WANTING AT INGERAM FOR THE YEAR 1757.

DUPLICATE.

Lanthorns	8	Eight.
Tarr	4	Four Barrells.
Canvass	4	Four Bolts.
30 Nails	2	Two Cask.
Hand Hatchetts	8	Eight
Red & White Lead	3	Three Maund
Yellow Oaker	2	Two Maund
Drum Heads	20	Twenty
Snares	8	Eight
Garden Sheers	3	Three Pair
Perpetuanoes Green	5	Five Pieces
Yellow	5	Five Pieces
Stationary Ware	1	One Chest

FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 141.

To the Honble George Pigot

President & Governour &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Commands of the 11th. Curr^t. reach'd Me last Night, the Supply Your Honour &c^a. have sent Me by the Hartop after paying the Debts I have contracted will be somewhat reduced, I am therefore to request a further Remittance of (10000) Pagodas to enable Me to send up by December (300) Bales more which the Merchants have promised Me they will bring in by that Time, if I keep them well supplied, in future I shall reserve so much Cash as will answer the Expence of Three Months, agreable to your Injunctions, in case Conveyances should not offer to send a fresh Supply.

If any of the Inhabitants of Calcutta should come this Way, they may Depend on all the Assistance this place can afford, and shall in such Case, send for a further Reasonable supply of Madeira (having only now apply'd for my Annual Quota) according to the Liberty Your Honour &c^a. have given Me.

The Presents made in April last which the Committee take Notice of, were the annual Present always made at that Time, in future Care shall be taken to Explain every Entry fully to obviate any Mistake.

M^r. Calland having executed his Covenants, I now return Them, he Nominates for his Security Charles Brett Esqr. at Portsmouth and any One he shall appoint.

My Bales were dispatch'd to your Honour &c^a. the 18th. Instant, Duplicate of the Letter sent by her as also of the Invoice & 2^d. Bill of Lading with other usual Papers comes herewith.

Enclos'd comes Copy of the Invoice of the Stores I have consign'd the President & Council of Calcutta for which I have desired they will Credit Fort S^t. George Presidency, as also the accustomary Papers for the last Month, & I am

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. Servt.
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram,
26th. Septr. 1756.

N°. 142.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on Your Honour &c^a. by the Sloop George, Owen Williams Master, on Board whom I have Laden Two hundred & Fifty Bales on Account of the Honble Company as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading. Inclos'd herewith your Honour &c^a. will also Receive the Account of Quick Stock & Muster Roll. I have about 50 Bales more lying ready which I shall send by the Fortune Snow, whom I expect every hour to arrive from Coringo.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most Obliged
Hble. Servt.
John Andrews.

Bandarmalanka,
September the 28th. 1756.

No. 143.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having landed the Stores from the Dragon sloop which turned out agreable to Invoice We returned her to You Yesterday.

Enclos'd you will Receive our Accounts of Profit & Loss ending 30th. April 1756. As soon as We are favoured with Your Directions concerning them our Books shall be closed.

We shall be much obliged to Your Honour &ca. for a supply of Madeira Wine for the Use of this Settlement, the first Conveyance that offers.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Hble. Servants

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

Fort St. David,
4th. Octr. 1756.

No. 144.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressed You last on the 16th. June and have since forwarded a Duplicate thereof, & Receiv'd Your Honour &ca's Advices, of the 20th. & 26th. of that Month, & 11th. Ulto. with the Europe, Bengal & Anjengo Packets therein mentioned.

By the Orixa which imported the 26th. Ulto. We likewise Receiv'd Your Honour &ca's Consignment of Woolen Goods brought out to Your Place on the Delawar.

Agreable to Your Honour &ca's. Request, We have debted Your Presidency for the full Amount of Your Draft, & our Remittances, on Account the Foreign Silver, You consign'd to Canton, & as We had advised the Gentlemen at Bengal, that Your Honour &ca. were desired to remit them the Difference, We shall take the first Opportunity of acquainting them with your Intention of making them such Remittances as the Necessity of your Affairs will permit.

We enclose Your Honour &ca. an Acct. of the Guns You Receiv'd from the Protector in the year 1752, amounting to Rupees 345–2–40.

It's with Pleasure We observe Three of Our Honble Masters Ships bound for China had arriv'd safe with You, & have learnt by a Portuguese Vessel, which came in lately from Corimbo, that a Ship from England had touch'd at Mozambique, which we have Reason to think was the Caernarvon & to add to our Satisfaction, the Portfield arrived here the 3d. Instant, the Clinton the 6th. & the Royal Duke the 7th. having all left St. Helena the 27th. April last, & the two latter met the Chesterfield & Walpole at St. Augustins, bound for your Place & Bengal and the Denham from Bengal for England, The Hector likewise touch'd there & met the Stretham to the Westward, & the Duke of Dorset, & the Pelham to the Eastward, of the Cape of Good Hope.

On the above Ships Departure from England no Declaration of War was made by Us, or the French, but We continued taking their Ships & were Threatned with their invading Great Britain or Ireland, & our Hon̄ble Masters have Repeated their Commands to Us, for putting this Island in the best Posture of Defence. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE,
10TH. SEPTEMBER 1756.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servants
R. BOURCHIER.
CHA: CROMMELIN.
JAMES FOULIS.
W. SEDGEWICK.
J. BYFIELD.
WM. HORNBY.
J. SPENCER.
SAML. HOUGH.

ACCOUNT OF GUNS BROUGHT OUT BY THE PROTECTOR AND TAKEN OUT OF HER BY THE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL AT MADRASS ANNO 1752 VIZT.

Irons guns 12—4 Pounders for Kentledge.

	⊕		s				Rs.	qrs.	rs.
P viz.	144	— — @	6 ℔ ⊕	is £ 43	4	— or	345	2	40.

BOMBAY CASTLE,
1 SEPTEMBER 1756.

ERRORS EXCEPTED.
CHA: CROMMELIN,
Accomptt.

No. 145.

TO THE HON̄BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS
Our Consultations & monthly Accounts for August now wait on You, enclos'd also You will Receive the Committee of Accounts Report on Them.

We are with Respect
HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
ALEXR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBT. SLOPER.
CHARLES TURNER.

FORT ST. DAVID,
8TH. OCTR. 1756.

To Alex^r. Wynch Esqr.
&c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Gentlemen

We have Examined the Accounts of this Settlement for the Month of August Concerning which We have nothing material to Remark & therefore shall only observe that the Calculations, Additions & Statements are all right.

We are
Fort S^t. David, Gentlemen
30th. September 1756. Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Alex^r. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.

N°. 146.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Waits on Your Honour &c^a. by the Fortune Snow on Board which Vessel I have Laden Fifty Two Bales of Cloth on Account of the Honble Company as p^r. Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclosed.

I am with the Greatest Esteem

Bandarmalanka, Honble Sir & Sirs
October the 3^d. 1756. Your most Obedient & most Obliged Humble Servant

John Andrews.

N°. 147.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favour'd with Your Honor's &c^a. Commands of the 11th. & 22^d. Ultimo ℘ the Hartop Snow and his Majesty's Sloop Kingfisher, which arrived here the 26th. and sailed the next Morning. The Treasure, Wares & Stores consign'd us by the former were immediately Landed and prov'd agreable to the Invoice, The Cordage &c^a. sent on the latter for the service of Bengall We thought expedient to forward Thither on the said Sloop, as the Gentlemen there had some time ago apply'd to Us for Necessaries of this kind which they acquainted Us they were in the utmost Want off.

We take this first Opportunity of Returning Your Honour &c^a. Our most gratefull thanks for this Seasonable Supply of Cash &c^a. which We dont doubt of being not only able immediately to Invest but from the Quantity of Cloth now actually provided as appears by the List annex'd and the promises of Our Merchants We cant avoid representing to Your Honour &c^a. that We cou'd employ a much more considerable sum by January, a further supply

therefore both of Rupees and Pagodas wou'd be the certain means of greatly encreasing our Investment and therefore doubt not but Your Honour &c^{a}. will furnish Us with another Supply by the first Conveyance.

The Cash Intended for Ingeram and Madapollam Factory's We have advis'd the Gentlemen at those places off, and have already forwarded them part of their several Quota's.

We are sorry to acquaint Your Honour &c^{a}. that the Arcot Snow is still here, they have attempted to carry her out, but there being Water barely sufficient she struck on the Barr, so were forc'd to bring her again in the River; she making some Water tho' received no considerable Damage, We have therefore yet Hopes in a few Days when the Northerly Winds set in a little Stronger our Bar will deepen & that We shall be able to get her out, When We shall immediately Dispatch her, the Three Long Boats Your Honour &c^{a}. ordered us to contract for, We have agreed with Mr. John Heriot to build Them for Eight Hundred Arcot Rupees each (without Masts none being procurable here) and have directed Him to commence Them immediately, in order for their being finish'd by January. Copy of his Proposals come herewith.

Your Honour &c$^{a's}$ Deductions in Captain Smith's Bill shall be made agreable thereto.

We observe the Report of the Committee of Accounts and shall strictly conform in future to their Regulations, their Remark on Our Cash Account for April. that our Sea and River Customer's Ballance was not enter'd as paid into Cash we believe has slipt their Observation owing to its being improperly enter'd under the Head of Vizagapatam Town Kistees, which was the usual Method, of entering it, and the head it was formerly brought under in the General Books, tho now it is brought under it's own proper head, as will appear in the Books now sent You, The Omission of the five Thousand Pagodas not enter'd in May Cash Account was a Mistake in Copying over for which we Beg Your Honour &ca's Excuse and will be more exact in future.

Our Garrison has suffer'd lately more than usual by Desertion, but at length We have been lucky enough to retake Two of Our Military who had deserted and now send Them Prisoners on the Hartop with some Serjeants and Seapoys, who took Them, as Evidences against Them, as their desertion is attended with agravating circumstances which appear by the Minutes of a Court of Enquiry held on Them copy of which is Transmitted herewith, We therefore doubt not but they will be brought to Condign Punishment. On this occasion We think it proper to represent to Your Honour &c^{a}. that our Garrison is so weaken'd by the abovementioned Desertion the Number of Invalids and Sick among the remaining with the decrease of our Train of Artillery by several being discharg'd having serv'd their Contracted Time &c^{a}. that We have scarcely able Men sufficient to carry on in a proper manner the necessary Duty of our Garrison, a Reinforcement therefore of Military and some of the Train we humbly recommend as very essential among which some good Serjeants wou'd be of particular service having few We can depend on.

We now dispatch the Hartop Snow with 611 Bales Account of Our Honble Masters amounting as ℔ Invoices to Pagodas 42647–21–10 which with Bills of Lading are inclos'd, the Hartop not being able to take in all our Bales we propose dispatching in Two or Three Days more the Neptune Sloop with the Remainder.

Your Honour &c^{a}. will observe the Cloth is invoiced at different prices, one Invoice being the Cloth provided with the Cash advanced our Merchants before your Orders relating to the Batta to be charged on the Madrass Pagodas were received and therefore are Invoiced at the old Prices, the Cloth since

provided being from the 1st of May, is Invoiced at the Prices You directed, We hope it will arrive in Time and meet with Your Honour &c^{a}'s. Approbation.

M^{r}. Best having executed his Covenants We send Them herewith as likewise our General Books and other usual Papers.

We have the honor to be

VIZAGAPATAM,
4TH. OCTOBER 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient HBle. Servants
J. L. SMITH.
MARMADUKE BEST.

A LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND

Long Cloth Ordinary	..	..		Cor^{s}.	435	16 P^{s}.
Long Cloth Fine ..	..	..	..	..	58	14
Salempores Ordinary	..	..	...	..	13	1
Salempores Fine ..	..	..	..	..	9	1
Long Cloth Midling ..	..	..	..	..	4	11

To M^{R}. JOHN LEWIN SMITH
PROVISIONAL CHIEF &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

SIRS

I do agree to Build for the Honourable Company Three Large Boats with a Deck on each of them, there [sic] Bottom Plank to be Teak the same as the Vizagapatam Bar Boats and of the following Dimensions. Length of the Keel 30 Feet; Breadth, 10 feeet; Depth 4 feet 6 Inches, to be compleated by the Month of January next for the Sum of Eight Hundred Rupees each Boat. COPY.

I am,
SIRS
Your most Obedient HBle Servant
JN^{o}. HERIOT.

VIZAGAPATAM,
22^{D}. SEPT^{R}. 1756.

P.S. I don't make any Mast for them.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℔ HARTOP SNOW.

N°. 1. Genral Letter Dated 4th. October.
2. Duplicate General Letter, dated 3^{d}. Sept^{r}
3. & 4. Invoices for 611 Bales dated 4th. October.
5. Bill of lading for D^{o}.
6. Cash Account for September.
7. Diaries and Consultations for Sept^{r}.
8. Paymaster's Accounts for August.
9. Increase and Decrease for D^{o}.
10. Warehouse Accounts for August.
11. Storehiuse D^{o}. for D^{o}.
12. Quick Stock.
13. Return of the Garrison for August.
14. A Court of Enquiry.
15. Copy of Capt. John Heriot's Letter.
16. First Sett of General Books ending April 1756.
17. M^{r}. Marmaduke Best's Indenture,
18. List of the Packet.

No. 148.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to enclose Your Honour &ca. the Accounts of this Place for last Month & I am with the greatest Esteem

Bandarmalanka,
August the 2nd. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most obliged Hble Servt.
John Andrews.

Cloth on Hand.

Embaled.

L.C.O.	117
L.C.M.	40
L.C.F.	24

At the Wash.

L.C.O.	37
L.C.M.	38
L.C.F.	18
Bales ...	274

No. 149.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Madrass.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address was under the 16th. Instant (Duplicate of which together with Copy of the Letter mentioned therein goes inclos'd) and this serves purposely to advise that on the 23d. Instant We apprehended one Bekum Cawn, a Subedar of some Seapoys sent from hence to the Assistance of Fort St. David's the 7th. June 1747, being informed he had been guilty of carrying on a treacherous Correspondence with the Enemy at Pondicherry, for which, as We hear, he was condemned to perpetual Banishment on the Island of St. Helena: Your Honour &ca. will please to observe We say, " as We hear ", because altho' We have Two General Letters from that Settlement under Dates the 22d. November & 20th. February the same Year, mentioning his Crime as above, with their Intention of bringing him to a Tryal, We cannot find any One advising whether he was acquitted or contrariwise what Punishment had been allotted him; but as We are confidently assured by some Gentlemen here, from their private Correspondence, he was actually condemned to the abovementioned Punishment, likewise by Two Seapoys who went hence under his Command, We judged it most adviseable to secure him 'till We hear from Your Honour &ca. or Our

Superiours at Bombay, And which We have wrote the French at Myphie in whose Service it seems he has been for some years past. We shall therefore wait for Your Honour &c^{a}. Answer on this Head, We are

TELLICHERY
26TH. SEP^{R}. 1756.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. HB̄le Serv^{ts}.

THO^{S}. HODGES.
S. EVANS.
THO^{S}. SATCHWELL.
HENRY JOHNSON.

N°. 150.

TO THE HON̄BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

We address'd Your Honour &c^{a}. the 4th. Instant ℔ the Hartop Snow, We hope which You will duely receive.

The Sea Horse Sloop, Captain Oliphant arrived here Yesterday from Bengal and brought us the accompanying Packets for Your Honour &c^{a}. Lieut^{t}. Flection from Fultah, and M^{r}. Anderson Surgeon at the Negrais are Passengers having both obtained leave from their Respective Superiors at those Places to change their Residence for the Recovery of their healths which being yet but in a very indifferent state humbly begs Your Honour &c$^{a's}$. permission to remain here for a small space of Time to perfect their Recovery when M^{r}. Flection Purposes to return to Bengall and M^{r}. Anderson will attend your Honor &c$^{a's}$. further Orders.

This waits on You by the Neptune Sloop which brings You Eighty Bales on Account of Our Hon̄ble Masters, Amounting to Pagodas 4983–22–24, Invoice of which with the Bill of Lading is enclos'd, we wish her a Safe and Speedy Passage to Your Consignment and are with great Respect

VIZAGAPATAM,
8TH. OCTOBER 1756.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient HB̄le Serv^{ts}.

J. L. SMITH.
MARMARDUKE BEST.

N°. 151.

TO THE HON̄BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

This is just to enclose You the Acc^{ts}. of this Settlement for April, May, June & July during M^{r}. Drake's Chiefship, and those for August and Septr. shall be forwarded to You in a few Days. I am with Respect

DEVE COTAH,
11TH. OCT^{R}. 1756.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. HB̄le Servant

JA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

No. 152.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

One Evan Jermain of the Military here being entirely unfit for any Service, and having requested his Discharge I have given it him, and now Return him to Your Honour &ca. by Mr. Westcott's Snow, & am with the greatest Esteem,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most Obliged
humble Servant
John Andrews

Bandarmalanka,
September the 19th. 1756.

No. 153.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have duely receiv'd Your Honour's &ca. favour of the 11th. of September by the Hartop, inclos'd [comes] Invoice of Fifteen Thousand (15000) Pagodas, part of which I have receiv'd and shall agreable to Your Honours &ca. Instructions, be carefull to reserve a supply of Cash for the Current Expences of the Factory.

Agreable to some Advices I have Rec'd I daily expect to see some of the Inhabitants of Calcutta here and Your honour &ca. may be assured I shall receive Them with that Humanity & Tenderness their distress Demands.

I am with the greatest Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most Obliged
Humble Servt.
John Andrews.

Bandarmalanka,
October 2nd. 1756.

No. 154.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclos'd comes the Duplicate of my last, as also the usual Papers for the last Month, which being all the Material at present, I remain

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servt.
Foss. Westcott.

Ingeram,
2d. October 1756.

N°. 155.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves purposely to acknowledge Receipt of Your Favour of 11th. Ulto. and to acquaint You that the bearer hereof Cheramandee Mudali, is a Servant of the King of Trevancores and sent by him for to receive a Bulse of Diamonds lodged at Madrass in order to be cut by the Lapidaries there, but finding some Difficulty in getting this business perform'd, he has requested of the Chief to recommend this Man, to your Honour &ca's. Favour; in consequence of which We must desire you will please to afford him your assistance as also to advance any Charges that may be incurr'd thereon, taking his Receipt for the same, for which his Majesty has promised to be Responsible to the Honble Company here. Duplicate.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Foss Westcott.
Peter Elwin Wrinch.
Titus Scott.

Anjengo,
28th. August 1756.

N°. 156.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote Your Honour &ca. last under the 27th. Ultimo, Duplicate of which comes enclosed, and this is purposely to forward you Copy of a Letter from the English Consul at Cairo, which We receiv'd the 25th. Instant from the Gentlemen at Tellicherry.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
George Scott.
Peter Elwin Wrinch.
Titus Scott.

Anjengo,
27th. Septr. 1756.

N.B. A Copy of the above mentioned Letter from Cairo 'as came enclosed in this Letter was recd. with & is enter'd after General Letter from Tellicherry, Dated, 16th. Septr. N°. 139.

N°. 157.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd Your Favour of the 15th.

We now Return You Mr. George Dawson's Covenants duely executed and he has nominated Messrs. John Thornton & Kingsford Wenner for his Securitys. Mr. John Carey being very ill, could not attend to execute his, but it shall be done as soon as he is able to come abroad.

Our Ballance of Pagodas being reduced to Thirteen Thousand Pagodas, We must Request You will send us a supply as the Expences of this Settlement and Deve Cotah will require the greatest part of that sum the beginning of next Month.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David,
22d. October 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servts.

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.
Charles Turner.

N°. 158.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your Favour of the 21st. the Madeira Wine ℔ Country Boat and Stores ℔ Sloop Dragon turn out agreable to Invoice, Messrs. William Stevenson and Richard Fitzpatrick are arriv'd and stationed the former under the Accountant and the latter under the Secretary.

We now transmit the Account of Quick Stock remaining at this Settlement the 30th. September.

We also return Mr. John Carey's Covenants duely executed, who nominated for Security in England Mr. Robert Lenox & whomsoever he may please to appoint.

Irshapah Chitty's Cowle for the Beetle & Tobacco Farm expires the 30th. November, Old Stile, We therefore Request your Honour &ca's. directions regarding it.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David,
31st. October 1756

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Humble Servants

Alex: Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

N°. 159.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In Our Letter of Yesterday's Date We omitted to Request Your Directions in Respect to the Weighing and Measuring Duty the Cowle for which expires the 11th. Instant.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David,
1st. November 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hble Servts.

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
[*Lacuna*]
Charles Turner.

N°. 160.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on Your Honour &ca. with duplicates of Our Respects ℔ the Hartop Snow and Neptune Sloop with Invoices and Bill of Lading for the Bales sent You on those Vessels, on Examination of the Invoice Pr. the Neptune We find an Error in the Article of the Package of the 75 brown Bales, which is charg'd at Two Pagodas ℔ Bale instead of 18 Fanams, the Invoice therefore amounts only to Pagodas 4871. 4. 24 agreable to the inclosed, as it was occasioned by our hurry in dispatching and is now corrected, We hope Your Honour &ca will excuse it.

It is with some Satisfaction we can acquaint Your Honour &ca. that the Arcot Snow is got out of our River, she is now taking in her Loading of Rice with the utmost Expedition and We hope to dispatch her in a few Days.

Notwithstanding the late supply of Cash your Honour &ca. favoured Us with, the large Quantity of Cloth our Merchants have brought Us in, & their demands thereon for further Advances which will likewise be soon cleared, has so reduc'd Our Cash (exclusive of Arcot Rupees Twenty Thousand still owing to Mr. Smith) that We have but a very small Ballance remaining We therefore are to acquaint your Honour &ca. that another supply of Rupees & Madrass Pagodas is absolutely Necessary for carrying on the Investment with the Assistance of which it may be very considerable by January.

Mr. Smith having declin'd repaying himself the abovementioned Sum of Arcot Rupees Twenty Thousand, part of what advanc'd by him, of which we before advis'd Your Honour &ca. being unwilling to impede the present favourable Opportunity of increasing your Investment as it would have so considerably reduc'd our Rupee Cash that the Quota of Our Investment provided with that Specie wou'd already been at a Stand; He therefore humbly begs leave to know whether it would be agreable to Your Honour &ca. to permit him to draw Bills on You payable at Madrass for that Sum, which he was encouraged to hope Your Honour &ca. would have no Objection to as it would save the Risk of so much Money to this Place.

The Monthly Return of Our Garrison is enclosed and We beg leave to subscribe Ourselves with great Respect.

VIZAGAPATAM,
15TH. OCTOBER 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servts.

J. L. SMITH.
MARMADUKE BEST.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℔ PEONS.

No. 1. General Letter.
2. Duplicate Do. ℔ Hartop Snow.
3. Duplicate Do. pr. Neptune Sloop.
5. & 6. Duplicate Invoices ℔ Hartop Snow.
7. Duplicate Invoice ℔ Neptune Sloop.
8 & 9. Second Bills of Lading.
10. Return of the Garrison.
11. List of the Packet.

No. 161.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have recd Your Favour of the 4th. Our Consultations & Monthly Accounts for September now wait on You, also the Report of the Committee of Accounts on the Accounts of this Settlement for September, and as We concur with Them in opinion, in respect to regulating the Articles of making & repairing Military Stores by erecting Heads for them in the Military Storekeeper's Books, We have directed this Method to be tryed, and hope it will meet with Your Honour &ca's. Approbation.

We are with Respect

FORT ST. DAVID,
9TH. NOVEMBER 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servts.

ALEXR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
[*Lacuna*]
ROBERT SLOPER.
[*Lacuna*]
CHARLES TURNER.

TO ALEXR. WYNCH ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL AT
FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We have examined the Accts. for the Month of September in looking over which nothing has occurr'd to lay before You, We shall therefore only observe that the Calculations &ca. are all right.

In our Report for the Month of July We took Notice of the Inconveniency arising by the Storekeepers keeping on Memorandum the Account of his Disbursements for making Military Stores, by which means the Ballance in his Hands generally appears to be considerably more than it is in reality; the reason of which is, That the Military Stores, for making of which those Disbursements are Outstanding, are often a long time in hand, & till they are finish'd he cannot give himself Credit, To remedy this, Our first Thoughts as We then hinted, were that the Paymaster should make all the necessary Advances & Charge Them Monthly in his Accounts under a particular head, to be credited by counter Entries in the Military Storekeeper's Books, but on further Consideration we have Rejected this Method as too complicated, & are of Opinion that the whole Transaction may be more easily & properly conducted by the Military Storekeeper Himself, We therefore recommend that he pay both for the Materials & Workmanship, the particulars of which must be exactly specified in his Diary distinguishing what is on Account of making & what on Account of repairing, & for the amount of each he is to Debt Monthly one of the following Heads, to be erected in his Books for that purpose Viz^{t}. Making Military Stores & Repairing Military Stores, the former of which will have Credit by the Stores when compleated, the latter by Charges General, & as in following this Method the Materials will be delivered to & work'd up under the Direction of the Engineer & the dayly Account of Cooley Certified by him, We apprehend the Business will be as effectually check'd as by any other Method than can be thought of. We refer this to Your Consideration & are

Fort S^{t}. David,
30th. Octr. 1756.

Gentlemen
Your most Obed^{t}. Humble Serv^{ts}.
Alex^{r}. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.

N°. 162.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^{a}. Council at Madrass.

Honble Sir & Sirs

These Pattamars are Dispatch'd express to acquaint You that We have just now recd from Bombay his Majesty's Declaration of War against France, Dated the 17th. May last; Also to enclose a Packet from the Select Committee at Bombay directed to Govr. Pigot which came from them particularly recommended to the Chief.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thos. Hodges.
S. Evans.
Thos. Satchwell.
Henry Johnson.

Tellicherry,
17th. October 1756.

No. 163.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Madras.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves purposely to enclose duplicate of Our last Address, and a Duplicate Packet from the Select Committee of Bombay directed to Govern^r. Pigot recd. the 26th. Inst^t. from thence.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Tellicherry,
28th. October 1756.

Thos. Hodges.
S. Evans.
Thos. Satchwill.
Henry Johnson.

No. 164.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

This is to advise You of the Arrival of Our Honble Master's Sloop Cuddalore the 30th. Ultimo from the Negrais by which We rec'd the accompanying Packet from thence for your Honour &ca.

Captn. Baker having represented to Us the bad & leaky Condition of his Sloop & her unfitness therefore to proceed to Fort St. George or even to keep the Sea at this Season of the Year, We order'd a survey on her by several of the Sea faring People now at this place, and their Report, which We enclose You being agreable to the Captain's Representations We have order'd Her into our River, and directed Mr. John Herriot to begin what Repairs are absolutely necessary which We hope will meet with Your Approbation, in the mean time the Captain will wait Your Honour &ca's. further Orders.

We dispatch'd the Arcot Snow for the Negrais the 23d. Ultimo with fourteen hundred Bags of Rice, Invoice of which We now enclose You.

Our Monthly Papers wait on You herewith with a List of Cloth on hand by the quantity of which your Honour &ca. may judge how much Our Cash must be reduc'd and of course how necessary a further supply is to keep the Investment going on.

We have the Honour to be with great Respect

Vizagapatam,
3d November 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Hble Servants

J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best.

List of Cloth on Hand.

	Cor.	
Long Cloth Ordinary Embaled 50 Bas. qtg. ...	75	
Do.	604. 14	℔ss
Long Cloth Fine	121. 2	
Long Cloth Midling	15. 13	
Salempores Ordinary	19. 19	
Salempores Fine	11. 11	

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.
Provisional Chief of Vizagapatam.

Sir

Having heretofore represented to the Honble George Pigot Esqr. the bad condition of the Honble Company's Sloop Cuddalore, He was pleased to promise that as soon as the Voyage to the Streights of Malacca was perform'd She shou'd have the necessary Repairs, which Voyage being now thus far perform'd & the bad Weather season on the Coast of Choromandel so far advanc'd Induc'd Me to call here in order to represent to You the very bad Condition she is now in & how unfit at this Time to proceed to Fort St. George, and therefore beg You will please to appoint a Survey on her in order to obtain a Right Knowledge of her present Condition, I am

Sloop Cuddalore in
Vizagapatam Road,
30th. Octr. 1756.

Sir
Your most Obedt. & most Hble Servt.
George Baker.

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.
& Marmaduke Best.

Gentlemen

Agreable to Your Desire We repaired on board the Honble Company's Sloop, the Cuddalore, & find her much deficient in Iron Work, and very leakq, she seems to Us not in a condition to proceed to Fort St. George 'till she has some Repairs.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. Servts.

Cuddalore Sloop,
Novr. 1st. 1756.

Cudbert Thornhill.
John Herriot.
Wm. Dogan.

List of the Packet.

No. 1. General Letter.
2. Paymaster's Accounts for Sepr.
3. Increase & Decrease for Do.
4. Warehouse Accounts for Do.
5. Storekeeper's Accounts for Do.
6. Sea & River Customers Do.
7. Diaries & Consultations for Do.
8. Mint Account.
9. Copper Coiners Do.

10. Copy of the Snow Arcot's Invoice.
11. Captn. George Baker's Letter.
12. Messrs. Thornhill, Heriot & Dogan's Letter.
13. Duplicate General Letter Dated ye. 15th. October.
14. List of the Packet.

No. 165.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Sloop Cuddalore Captn. Baker who put in here for Wood & Water the Sixth Instant I send the Melancholy News of the death of Captain Howes late Chief of this Island, he dyed here the twenty sixth of last Month of a violent Feaver, I was then at Persaim with the Ship George having on board four Nine Pounders, Two field Pieces and a Quantity of Ammunition and stores &ca. designed for the use of a New Settlement, to be fixed there, according to a late Agreement made between Captn. Howes and the Prince of Persaim.

Captain Howes went up with the Ship to Persaim, where We arrived the 18th. of July and he continued there till the fifth of August; during his stay he prevail'd on the Prince to grant to the Honble Compys servants full & free Liberty to build a Fortification, houses &ca. on the high Spot of Ground that is at old Persaim and known by the Name of the Pagoda Hill, a place that is by Nature defensible and capable of being made by Art almost Impregnable, We according to Agreement hoisted our Flagg there the 5th. of August in the presence of the Prince of Persaim and several Principal Burmahs, at the same time the Place was Christen'd by Capt. Howes Fort Augustus. Capt. Howes set out the same Evening for Negrais in the Mary Schooner and left Me the Command with Eighteen Soldiers, and between Twenty & thirty Lascars, besides Carpenters, to go forward with the new Settlement; He likewise appointed Me to act as Sub Engineer for carrying on such Works as would be thought necessary for our immediate Defence.

We began very Chearfully with Our Work being assisted at first by the Burmahs and went forward for a little Time, as well as the Season would possibly admit of, but We soon met with great Difficuties to struggle under. The Burmahs, after the Prince departed for Dagon, did all that lay in their power to hinder our Works from going forward, they prevented the Carrianas from bringing Us Provisions as they had usually done, and were continually throwing some Obstacle or other in our Way, to prevent if possible our Settling on that Spot; Notwithstanding as I had some good Lascars with Me, I proceeded on with the intended Work, & in about two Months We secured Ourselves on One side of the Pagoda Hill, strong enough to defend Us against a much superior Number, especially a sett of People who are armed chiefly with Rusty Lances. But Our Soldiers proved very sickly and fresh Provisions being not easily procured, I advised Captn. Howes of Our situation who, in his Letter dated the Twenty fourth of September, desires Me to quit the place with the Ship and Stores, leaving only two or three Soldiers to take charge of the Buildings with a few Lascars who formerly continued there, He likewise advises Me to write to the Prince and Antonio, which I shall be as speedy in Complying with as the Nature & Circumstances of Things will admit of, and shall neglect no measures that shall be judged proper to be taken for the Honour &

Interest of Our Honble Masters. Copys of my two Letters to Captn. Howes with his Letters to Me while at Persaim I herewith enclose for your Honour's perusal & Satisfaction, likewise Copys of Two Letters, from Lieutenant Keith One advising Me of the Death of Captn. Howes and the other acquainting Me with the Arrival of the Cuddalore Sloop.

I left Persaim the 9th. and arriv'd here the 12th. Instant in the Mary Schooner and have left Orders for the Ship George to take on board the Field Pieces & Stores &ca. with the Military except a Corporal & Three Men, and to Repair with all possible Expedition to Negrais.

All the Timbers & Plank that have been brought this Season to Persaim I have purchas'd on the Honble Company's Account and have left Orders for them to be sent down here before the Ship leaves Persaim, A Particular Account of which I shall send to Your Honours by the next Conveyance.

Upon my Arrival here and examining the Honble Company's Accounts do find them made up to July and no farther, as it will require some considerable Time to compleat them to this Month and Captn. Baker proposing only to stay 'till I have fisish'd my Letters it will be impossible for Me to get Them settled to go on the Cuddalore. Captn. Howes's private Affairs are likewise so intricate that it will require a considerable Time for to settle them properly, and to separate Them from what is belonging to the Honble Company. The greatest Care imaginable shall be taken of his Effects, and Inventories made out of what is here belonging to his Estate, to be sent to the Coast the first proper Opportunity.

I have enclosed to Your Honours the Copys of Two Letters which Captn. Howes wrote and sent to the Honourable the Governour and Presidency of Fort William with the Copy of an Indent sent at the same time for such Stores as Captain Howes judged necessary for the service of the Honourable Company, and are such as will be much wanted here; As we have some reason to apprehend a Disappointment from that Quarter hope Your honours will please to take it into Consideration and order such supplies to be sent Us from the Coast as may be judged necessary.

Inclosed is a general Return of the Military, and Train to the fifteenth of October with a List of such Soldiers as are sent on the Cuddalore, their Time of service being expired, and were promised by Captn. Howes to be sent to the Coast the very first Opportunity that offer'd.

Mr. Archibald Swinton has paid into the Honourable Company's Cash Two Thousand Arcot Rupees and William Meredith Serjeant whose time of Service is expired and is permitted to go on the Cuddalore has paid into the Honble Company's Cash One Thousand Three hundred Arcot Rupees, and Captn. George Baker has paid into the Honble Company's Cash One Thousand two hundred Arcot Rupees for which sums I have given Bills of Exchange in their favour and I hope they will meet with your Honour's Acceptance.

I humbly beg leave to assure Your Honours that I shall make it my whole Business to study the Interest & Credit of the Honourable Company, and shall while I continue in Command here endeavour to pursue such Steps as shall appear to be most beneficial to the Settlement. I shall humbly hope for the most favourable Construction of my Actions; and

I am

Negrais, 15th. Octr. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. most Obliged

& most devoted Hum. Servt.

Thos. Newton

N.B.—The other letters mentioned in the list of the packet are deposited with the Negrais Papers.

LIST OF THE PACKET.

No. 1 General Letter.
2 Copy of a Letter from Captn. Howes to Mr. Newton dated 20th August 1756.
3 Copy of a Letter from Mr. Newton to Captn. Howes dated 2nd. September 1756.
4 Copy of a letter from Mr. Newton to Captn. Howes dated 15th. Septr. 1756.
5 Copy of a Letter from Captn. Howes to Mr. Newton dated the 24th. Septr. 1756.
6 & 7 Copies of two Letters from Mr. Ruth to Mr. Newton dated 27th. Septr. 1756 & 5 Octr. 1756.
8 & 9 Copies of two General Letters from Captn. Howes to the Honble the Presidency of Bengal dated the 21st. of July and 2d. of August 1756.
10 Copy of an Indent sent by Captn. Howes to the Honble the Presidency of Bengal.
11 General Return of the Military and Train on the Island of Negrais.
12 List of European Soldiers returned p the Cuddalore.
13 LIST OF THE PACKET.

No. 166.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to enclose the usual Papers for the last Month, as also to Request a further supply of Cash when it suits with Your Conveniency having been obliged to advance almost all your last Remittance, otherwise I should have had little or no Cloth by Janry, at the foot hereof is the Account of Cloth in Hand, which concludes from

INGERAM,
4TH NOVR 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Hble Servt.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

AT THE WASH.

L.C.O.	48
L.C.M.	43
L.C.M.	45
Corge	136

EMBALED.

L.C.O.	11
L.C.M.	1
	12 Bales

N°. 167.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received Your favour of the 14th. and the Supply of Twenty Thousand Pagodas dispatch'd to Us by Peons the 4th.

Agreable to Your Directions We have given Publick Notice that the Weighing and Measuring Duty and Beetle & Tobacco Farm of this place will be put up to Sale at Outcry at Fort St. George the 1st. December next for Five Years.

We have granted Mr. Wynch a Sett of Bills of Exchange on your honour &ca. for Nine Thousand Six hundred Six (9606) Arcot Rupees payable to the Reverend Mr. Robert Palk at Five Days Sight, for so much paid into the Honble Company's Cash here, which We hope will meet with Your Approbation.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David,
19th Novr. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Humble Servants
Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

N°. 168.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since my last Address which bore Date the 4th. Instant I have recd. a Letter from the Master of the Sloop I dispatch'd with Stores to the President & Council of Fort William to acquaint Me that he had fell in with Calingapatam not being able to gain his Passage, I have therefore given him Orders to proceed to Vizagapatam and deliver the Cargo to the Chief and Council there, to whom I have wrote requesting that they would receive the same and as some are perishable Commodities [to] dispose of them if possible, and the others to forward to the Bay of the first Opportunity which I hope will meet with Your Honour &ca's. Approbation, being

Ingeram,
8th. Novr. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Hble. Servt.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 169.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Chesterfield arrived here last Night and early this Morning Col. Lawrence came on Shore by whom received your Favour of the 21st. with Two Chests of Pagodas which turn out Right. The Ship proceeded on her Voyage the moment the Colonel landed.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David,
25th. Novembr. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

N°. 170.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on your Honour &ca. with the Accounts of this Place for the last Month and the Account of Cloth in Hand.

In bringing to Account the Expence of the Buildings here last Year, We omitted to Charge for the Palmeiras used for Beams, Posts, and Warsals, which was partly occasioned by the Neighbouring Renters from whom We had them not bringing in their Accounts, which Omission I hope Your Honour &ca. will please to excuse.

The Cloth brought into Us, On Account of the Many Creeks & Rivers there is to pass, being sometimes five or Six Days on the Road, and in the Rainy Season very often wet the whole Time, by which means it often grows so rotten as to tear in the Wash, I permitted the Merchants to build a Godown & Chouldry at Bandarmalanka as the most convenient Place for Them to house and dry the Cloth, as there might be Occasion, which I hope will meet with your Honour &ca's. Approbation.

I am with the greatest Esteem

Bandarmalanka,
November the 16th. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most Obliged
Humble Servt.

John Andrews.

Cloth in Hand.

	Cor.	Ps.
L.C.O.	60	13
L.C.M.	31	13
L.C.F.	25	16
Corges ...	118	2

No. 171.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is chiefly to forward You the accompanying Packet from the President and Council at Bengal which We received over Land from Mr. Thomas Boddam at Ballasore who acquaints Us he is in possession of Bulrumgurry Factory, that the Roads are open and safe to that Place so that if Your Honor &ca. have any Letters [to] dispatch to Bengal they may be safely convey'd to him and he will forward them to his Superiors wherever they may then be.

In Our last We acquainted Your Honour &ca. that We intended bringing the Cuddalore Sloop into our River to Repair, she is since come in and a further survey made on Her by Captain Baker and Mr. John Heriot who have delivered Us a List of the Repairs absolutely necessary; The Particulars of which are enclosed, and We have directed Mr. Heriot to begin Them. Captain Baker has likewise applied to Us for payment of some disbursements he made during his Voyage (Account of which comes herewith) as well as for an Advancement for 4 Months Impress to his People which We request to know whether Your Honour &ca. would have Us comply with.

We herewith Transmit You our Cash Acct. for October and the returns of this Garrison, by the consderable Advances made our Merchants, which We must also acquaint You are almost all clear'd and the large sums disburs'd on Account of the Arcot Snow and her Cargo, and other disbursements, Your Honour &ca. will perceive to how small a Ballance Our Cash is reduced, which the necessary Expences of Our Garrison this Month and other contingent charges will nearly Expend, We therefore persuade Ourselves your Honour &ca. will furnish Us with a large supply both Rupees & Madrass Pagodas as soon as possible.

We are with Respect

Vizagapatam,
15th. Novr. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Hble. Servants
J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best.

The Honourable East India Compy.

Dr.

For sundry disbursements made on Account of their Sloop Cuddalore and other unavoidable Expences attending the service in a voyage to Atchein, Quedah, and Mallacca Rupees 271 11 0

1756		Rs.	A.	P.
Atchein	To Boathire coming off	5	—	—
July 26th.	To a Glass Lanthorn given the the King	25	—	—
	To 12 Bristol Stone Buttons given the Sebandar, for examining the Register when, & what ships arrived, when sail'd, where bound &ca.	12	—	—
Quedah Augst. 9th	To a trading Musquet given the King's Secretary for examining the Register &ca.	15	5	—
Malacca Septr. 30th.	To 2 Europe Caulkers 5 days at 2 Rs. each ℔ Day ..	20	—	—
	To 8 Black Do. 5 Days @ ¼ Rp each ℔ day ..	50	—	—
	To 6 Dead Eyes for 13 Sprit Shrouds & 13 Stays ..	4	—	—
	Carried over Rups. ..	131	5	—

THE HONOURABLE EAST INDIA COMPY—*cont.*

Dr.

	RS.	A.	P.
Brought over Rups. ..	131	5	—
To 4 Eye bolts for 13 Sprit Shrouds & Main 13 Stays ..	12	—	—
To 133 lb. of Ocomb .. .. ℔ qrs. lb.	12	—	—
To 2. 3. 7 of Worming & 2 inch Europe Cordage ..	57	—	—
To 6 Tons of Water	33	—	—
To Boat hire to carry & fetch the Caulkers	10	—	—
To 16 Catty of Tallow	8	—	—
To 2000 Billets of Firewood	8	6	—
ARCOT RUPS. ..	271	11	0

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

COPY.

GEORGE BAKER,
Master.

THE HONBLE EAST INDIA COMPY. Dr.

		Pags.		
	To diet of Six Military on board their Sloop Cuddalore in a passage from Negrais to Vizagapatam	24	20	—
1756	To Diet of one Serjeant from the 16th. of October to the 1st. of November inclusive being 17 days @ 12 fans. ℔ day ..	5	24	—
	To Diet of 5 Private Men 17 days @ 8 fans. each ℔ day ..	18	32	—
	PAGS. ..	24	20	—

ERRORS EXPECTED.

VIZAGAPATAM,
15TH. NOVR. 1756.

GEORGE BAKER,
Master.

COPY.

LIST OF THE PACKET.

No. 1. General Letter.
2. Duplicate Do. dated 3d. November.
3. Cash Account for October.
4. Return of the Garrison.
5 & 6 } Account Particulars of the Uppara Charges.
7 Messrs. John Heriot & George Baker's Letter.
8 & 9 } Mr. George Baker's Accounts.
10. LIST OF THE PACKET.

No. 172.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am concerned to be under the necessity of troubling Your Honour &ca. but hope the reasonableness of my Request will plead my Excuse for it.

On Mr. Clives Departure the 22nd. Augst. last I was agreable to Your Orders left at the head of this Settlement, I therefore apply (Mr. Clive as well as the Council here having referr'd Me) to You Gentlemen regarding the Allowances, that are given by the Company for that Station, & which the annex'd Note from Mr. Crooke will shew, he always recd during the Deputy Governours Absence, Altho' those Gentlemen had no Additional Allowance from the Company for that Time; & I am informed that a Table is kept for Mr. Clive during the Expedition, This, Give me Leave to say, with my Rank in the Service being Superiour to any that have yet been appointed second of this Place would give Me Pretensions to the Allowances for it here. If many Precedents could not be quoted of the Acting Persons having always had it before & which I flatter Myself will appear to Your Honour &ca. but reasonable. The Station I am in obliging Me besides keeping a Table to receive all Strangers, & keep up the Publick days for which the Company make no Allowance & this You cannot but be sensible is attended with no small Expence.

I am with Respect

Fort St. David,
7th. Novr. 1756..

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your faithfull & most obedient Servt.

Alexr. Wynch.

To Mr. Wynch.

Dear Sir

I recd your Note desiring Me to give you a particular Acct. what Allowance I used to receive in the absence of Our Deputy Governours when at Madrass, in Mr. Pitts & other succeeding Governours Time.

I had the Allowance, Diet & Wax from which I kept the Table.

Dammer I had what I had Occasion for.

The Oyl was for the Garden-House (where I sometimes lived) & other Places belonging to the Company.

Allowance for Cattle I did not receive as there were Horses belonging to the Company which the Deputy Governour paid for the keeping of.

The Palankeen went with the Governours to Madrass, & the Boys some part of the Way, & when Madrass Boys met him the Companys were return'd to Me.

A Chubdar, Peons, Butlers, Cooks, were left with Me.

I am

Dear Sir

Octr. 15th. 1756. Your most affect. humble Servant

Edwd. Croke.

N.B.—The Original of this Note was transmitted the President.

No. 173.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our Consultations & Monthly Accounts for October are all ready, but as We do not know whether it may be prudent to venture Them overland, We shall defer sending Them till we receive your Orders.

Several of Our Merchants Ballances being reduced to small Sums, they have desired to be advanc'd, but We have deferr'd complying with their Request 'till We receive your Honour &ca's. Instructions regarding it, not knowing whether you would approve of our advancing Them at this Time, We are also to desire your Directions what to do with 155 Bales of turn'd out Cloth now lying in the Ware House.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Hble. Servts.

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

Fort St. David,
7th. Decr. 1756.

List of Cloth on hand.

At the Washers	109
At the Beaters	50
Embaled	124
Bales ...	283

No. 174.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

It is with Concern We find Ourselves Obliged to take up Your Attention at this Time, but the extraordinary behaviour of Captn. D'Illens lays us under an absolute necessity of applying to your Honour &ca. as should such Conduct pass without proper Notice, We are apprehensive it must be productive of bad Consequences in respect to the Government of this Settlement. We did not judge it proper to say any Thing to him, as his Accusation is against Us all in general, and it might appear We had an Interest in it, but not to take up more of Your Time than is necessary by Repetitions of what has passed, We enclose You a Copy of all his Letters & the Minutes of our Consultations relating to the Affair, and hope You will approve of our Conduct, You will observe he promises to deliver in part of his Complaints on Monday next, which shall be receiv'd & kept 'till We receive Your directions.

The Peons at Porto Novo have represented that the Godown belonging to Andeapah in which the Materials belonging to the Company's House are, is in a very ruinous Condition & must shortly fall to the great damage of

Them, We must therefore request Your directions whether You will have Them removed when the Monsoon changes, as several of Them will be very usefull here.

At the request of several of the Inhabitants We transmit You a Petition relating to the Beetle & Tobacco Farm.

We are with Respect

FORT ST. DAVID,
11TH. DECR. 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

ALEXR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBT. SLOPER.
CHAS. TURNER.

P.S.—We have just receiv'd your Favour of the 8th. by the Hands of Irshapah Chitty and shall obey your Orders.

A.W.
H.N.
R.F.
R.S.
C.T.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL ALEXR. WYNCH ESQR.
PROVISL. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

The humble Petition of Sadashavarow, Nagore, Kistnia, Sargo Ramia, &ca. Merchts. of Fort St. David

SHEWETH

Publick Notice was given here that the Bettle & Tobacco Farms were to be put to Publick Sale at Madrass the 1st. Instant, but no mention made regarding the retailing prices of those Commodities, which left Your Petitioners in the dark, who on account of that Omission concluded the Usual Prices of retailing Them Vizt.

Tobacco @ 8 Pollam ℔ Fanam.
Beetle 7½ fanams ℔ Bundle.

Therefore your Petitioners presume to lay before your Worship &ca. if these are to be retailing Prices, it must certainly render the poor People (of which this bounds chiefly consists) very miserable. Those drugs by habit become half their Sustenance; In Commiseration, so great a Calamity, humbly beg Your Petitioners may be granted to rent the Said Farms @ Pags. 5000 Pr. Ann. and to retail the said drugs at the former usual Prices. But if in submission to Your more sage Judgements that it will contribute to the Advantage of the Company that These Drugs shall be sold at this new Rate & not at the usual prior Rate, they beg to lay a Medium before You, that they are ready to Rent the Farms for Pags. 7500 allowing at Retail Vizt.

Tobacco @ 5½ pollam ℔ Fanam.
Beetle 5 fanams ℔ 1 Bundle conts. 1000 Leaves.

This they take leave to mention is more out of humanity than any great Gain they can expect to make, If either of these proposals are agreable to your Worship &ca. be pleased to order them the Cowl, or direct Irshapah Chitty to sell at that Rate, But if it suits your Judgemts. Gentlemen, that Tobacco shall be sold at 5½ pollam ℔ Fanam & Beetle 7½ fanams ℔ Bundle, Then your Petitioners do beg they may have the Rent at Pags. 1000 ℔ Ann. Your Petitioners beg to assure You had They not been in the dark of the Alteration in the retailing Price, They had offer'd this before.

As the chief Ingredient in this humble Address is a sense of Humanity, they humbly implore Your Worship &c^{a}. who they are truly sensible are never wanting in that generous Virtue, to honour it with your Regard, & to recommend the same to the honble Board of Fort S^{t}. George which will in duty bind your Worship &c$^{a's}$. Petitioners

EVER TO PRAY.

To ALEX^{R}. WYNCH ESQ^{R}.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

SIR

From Capt. D'Illens to Mr. Wynch. No. 1.

The Instances which You made Me not to make appear before Colonel Lawrence the many Abuses prejudicial to the Companys good, committed in this Place, and come to my knowledge since my Arrival, will be afterwards of very great detriment to the Company and if You let this pass at this Time perhaps hereafter I shall not be able to prove the many things which I can now at this Time, and if I should dye, there is no other in this Garrison in the Capacity & the Will of making those things appear, but Myself.

Consequently Sir, You'l give Me leave to declare to You (as Provisional Governour of Fort S^{t}. David) that You are obliged to receive (without waiting an Order from the Presidency) in a regular manner all complaints which any Body is desirous of making you, when they contain the good of the service, and that it is not in your Power to favour any person in that Respect.

If You will not hear Me, Sir, as soon as I am recover'd, I must charge You with all the Consequences thereof.

I further desire, Sir, that Col. Lawrence may be present at all the Examination being the fittest Person, (to understand those things) on the Coast; I beg therefore, Sir, You will communicate to him this Letter, & after be so good as send Me an Answer for my Conduct.

I am with Regard

FORT S^{T}. DAVID, SIR

9TH. DECEM^{R}. 1756. Your most Obed^{t}. Hble. Servt.

LEWIS D'ILLENS.

To CAPT. LEWIS D'ILLENS.

SIR

Mr. Wynch's Reply to the above. No. 2.

I have receiv'd Your Letter which I must say surprized Me not a little, as I never refused to hear anything You had to say; If you have any Thing to propose for the good of the service, or any complaints to make, I desire You will put them in writing that I may the readyer understand them & lay them properly before the Council for an Examination.

I am

SIR

9TH. DECEMB^{R}. 1756. Your very obedient Hble Servt.

ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.

To ALEX^{R}. WYNCH ESQ^{R}.

SIR

Captn. D'Illens Answer to Mr. Wynch's Letter No. 2. No. 3.

I have receiv'd Your Favour of this Day before I answer to that Letter. I desire You Sir, in the Name of Our Masters, to order Me immediately One of the Company's Writers to put all my Complaints in regular Ways & for keeping an exact Book of all the future Proceedings which are to appear at Madrass first & after, before the Company at their Time.

I doubt not that any of Our Young Gentlemen will be very satisfied with such Commission which concerns so much the Companys Good, and not my own Affairs, but Sir if it is equall to You I shall be glad to have Mr. Carey as He can speak French.

I am

Fort St. David,

Sir

9th. Decembr. 1756.

Your most Obedt. Hble. Servt.

Lewis D'Illens.

Extract of the Consultation of the 10th. Decembr. 1756.

Mr. Wynch lays the foregoing Letters from Captain D'Illens to him, and his Answer to the first, before the Board, and acquaints Them that in two long Conversations He had with Captain D'Illens at one of which Col. Lawrence & Mr. Call were present & at the other Mr. Turner, He said there were great Abuses in the management to several Branches of the Company's Affairs, which he could make appear greatly to their Advantage to which He answered, that if he had any Thing to alledge against any Person, or any Proposals to make for the good of the service, to do it in Writing, tho' he thought it an improper Time when Harmony should if possible be kept up. He therefore cannot help being greatly surprized at Captain D'Illen's accusing him of endeavouring to put a stop to his Complaints as well as at the extraordinary stile of his Letters, & which he at first intended to have taken proper Notice of, but upon recollection thought it better to lay the whole before the Board, that it might plainly appear he had no Intention in any shape to prevent Captn. D'Illens's making his accusations good.

To put an entire Stop to Captn. D'Illens in future saying he had not a hearing to his Complaints and Proposals for the Good of the Service It is Agreed and Ordered that the Secretary write him an Order to lay the whole he has to say before the Board in Writing; and to acquaint him they are always both ready & willing to listen to any Thing he may have to offer for the Benefits of Our Honble Employers and to inform him in answer to his Demand, in his Second Letter to Mr. Wynch of a Company's Servant being put under him, that it is a Thing altogether unprecedented & therefore cannot be complied with.

To the Gentlemen of Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

Captn. D'Illens's Reply to the Order sent him by the Secretary.

I have receiv'd your Letter of the 10th. from your Secretary by which he acquaints Me that You are ready to receive and Examine the Complaints which I have to make against a great many Company's Servants here, which appear in their Conduct as if they would ruin entirely the Honble Company in this Settlement.

But, Gentlemen, give Me leave to tell You that You are not the proper Persons, as I have a great deal to say against some of you in particular, and in general, against the whole Council of this Place, and no Man can be a judge in his own Cause.

Consequently, Gentlemen, it is nobody here fit to make that Examination which I require so instantly, but Colonel Lawrence, and I suppose He is not Authoriz'd for it. I shall write to the Governor & Council of Fort St. George, to send to the Colonel a sufficient Power, but before, I will put all

that I have to say in Writing assisted only by my Portugueze Writer Johnson, as You will not allow Me one of the Company's Writer or Factor, and if any Body would blame Me for That, I would intirely reject the Fault on you.

I am

Fort St. David,
11th. Decr. 1756.

Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. Hble Servt.

Lewis D'Illens.
First Captain of Artillery on the Coast of Choromandel.

To Alexr. Wynch Esqr.

Sir

In your Letter of the 8th. Instant you deny that You refused ever to hear any thing I had to say for the good of the service. But Sr. (without I have any Necessity to go further (if You'l please to remember that last Sunday Morning in the Council Room before Mr. Turner, as I was beginning to let You know a great many Things against the Company's Good, You said, " But Captain D'Illens you will cause Disturbance in the whole Fort, this is not the proper Time to examine those things " or some others to that Purpose.

The next day in the Evening as I was beginning to make appear to Colonel Lawrence, things which He never could approve, You, Sir, in room of letting Me speak with Liberty, You hindered Me from proceeding in my Complaints, and took the part of Them whom I was complaining against.

If the above is not sufficient to convince You I was in the right to write You the Letter of the 8th. Instant I shall perhaps find some more Reasons afterwards.

I am

Fort St. David,
11th. Decemr. 1756.

Sir
Your most Obedient Servt.

Lewis D'Illens.

Extract of the Consultation of the 11th. Decr. 1756.

The two foregoing Letters being read & finding Captn. D'Illens persists in accusing Mr. Wynch of hindering his Complaints, The Board think proper to request Colonel Lawrence's Company, who being seated, and asked what pass'd before Him between Mr. Wynch & Captn. D'Illens, Answers that Captn. D'Illens had a long Conversation with him and Mr. Wynch at the Time he mentions, when he spoke of several Irregularitys tending to the Company's Prejudice in this Garrison and that Mr. Wynch in answer told him that this was not a proper Time to enter into such Affairs when Harmony should if possible be kept up in the Place, but that if He had any Thing to alledge against any Person to deliver it in Writing. Colonel Lawrence also says that he told Captn. D'Illens this was not a proper time, but to stay 'till Colonel Clive arriv'd when he would see he had a proper hearing, to which he objected, saying he had not receiv'd good Usage from Colonel Clive, that he then told him to lay his Complaints in writing before this Board.

Mr. Turner being also ask'd what pass'd when he was present, says That he did hear Mr. Wynch speak some Words to the Effect Captn. D'Illens mentions, but that he understood they related only to a Complaint, He, Mr. Turner, had made to Mr. Wynch, regarding some Irregularities in Captn.

D'Illens management of the Lascars, and he further declares that he heard Mr. Wynch tell him, if he had any Thing to represent for the good of the service to do it in writing.

Although the Board are of Opinion Captn. D'Illen's Letter, and refusal of complying with their Orders is highly deserving of being taken due Notice of, Yet that it may not appear they are precipitate, It's Agreed that the Secretary write him a further Order, positively demanding his Answer before the Council breaks up whether he will obey their Orders or not, and in case of his Refusal, It is further agreed that he be put under an Arrest for Disobedience of Orders, and the whole Affair be transmitted to the President & Council and to request they will take Cognizance of his Extraordinary Behaviour, as if it is let to pass unnoticed they are of Opinion it will be possible for Them to conduct the Affairs of the Settlement as they should be.

Letter from Captn. D'Illens in answer to that just now wrote him by the Secretary, informing the Board that he will comply with their Orders, and deliver some part of his Complaint in Writing on Monday next.

The Secretary is ordered to prepare a General Letter to the Presidency to forward the foregoing Proceedings.

No. 175.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The accompanying Petition was delivered in Yesterday by a Multitude of People which We beg leave to recommend to your serious Consideration: as We have great reason to believe the raising the Price of Beetle & Tobacco will occasion most of the Artificers to leave the Bounds, especially as they have the Temptation of 4½ Single Fanams ℔ Day from the French; And should they leave Us at this Time, as they have already told Mr. Call they must do if they have no Relief; it may be attended with bad Consequences as there are so many necessary Works in hand. We must take the liberty to inform your Honour &ca. why this Alteration in the Price of Beetle & Tobacco is a greater hardship on the Inhabitants here than at Madrass. There is but One sort of Beetle at this Place, the same as St. Thome' and there is hardly One in twenty of the Inhabitants at Madrass eat that sort, but a thick green Leaf, called Cravo of which the Farmer sells three hundred Leaves for a Fanam.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David,
17th. Decembr. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Hble Servants

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
[*Lacuna.*]
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

To the Worshipfull Alexr. Wynch Esqr.

Provincial Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

The humble Petition of the Merchants, Banyons, Painters, Tenants, Weavers, Dyers, Bricklayers, Lascars, Moatmen, Chuliars, Taylors, Fishermen, Carpenters, Smiths, Brass Smiths, Beaters, Washers, Barbers, Periars, Shoemakers, &ca Inhabitants of the Honble Company's Bounds.

Sheweth

Since the English Flag was hoisted here your Petitioners have been encouraged with all the Indulgences peculiar to that Constitution, Therefore nothing can chagrin Them more than to find by a late Notice given by Tom, Tom, That they are to undergo an Innovation in so material an Article as in the retailing the Beetle & Tobacco by ordering those Drugs to be retail'd Viz^{r}.

Beetle, 2 large Leaves or 3 small Ones for 2 Madrass Cash.

Tobacco, $\frac{1}{2}$ Pollam for $4\frac{1}{2}$ double Cash & five double Cash for the first Sort.

It was obvious to Governour Pitt & Hubbard how much the poor Inhabitants must be distress'd by retailing these Drugs at a high Rate, as it is half their Sustenance Therefore out of Compassion they thought it necessary for the encouragement of the Poor to withdraw the Rent on these Commodities, which continued for a long Time, But M^{r}. Burton revived that Branch of the Company's Revenue, but widely reasonable than at present, for those Drugs were retailed Viz^{t}.

Beetle, 5 single fanams ℔ Bundle contg. 1000 leaves.

Tobacco Country 10 Pollam ℔ 1 Single Fanam.

Do. for Chawing 9 D^{o}. ℔ D^{o}.
D^{o}. Jaffenap^{m}. 8 D^{o}. ℔ D^{o}.

even then Your Petitioners were in hopes the Price would be lower'd by what Your Petitioners have sett forth, they desire it may be understood that they want the Honble Company to lose this Branch of their Revenue, But that such measures may be taken that the poor may be able to support it, for the raising the Rents at this Rate is no burthen or any detriments the Renter, But the whole weight & Misery falls on Your Petitioners & the Poor Inhabitants, therefore they humbly presume to offer the following to Your Worship &c$^{a's}$. Consideration & implore their Petition may be regarded, That Your Petitioners will produce two Sub[s]tantial Persons to rent the Farm & pay Pag^{s}. 6000 ℔ Annum, which is double the last Rents, which was Pag^{s}. 3000 & Who will sell at the former Rate Viz^{t}.

Beetle 1 Bundle containing 1000 leaves for 5 single fan^{s}.

Tobacco 8 Pollam for 1 single fanam.

Ganjea 1 D^{o}. for 2 D^{o}.

Your Petitioners hope these reasonable Proposals will meet Your favourable acquiescence to order the Cowle to Them, or to order Irshapah Chitty to sell at that Rate, which humanity will in duty bind Your Worship &c$^{a's}$. Petitioners.

Ever to Pray

N.B. At Pondicherry they sell 6 leaves of Beetle for 1 Cash; Tobacco, Cash 5 ℔ Pollam, as the Places are so near it will be thought a Paradox that they should have more the Welfare of their Inhabitants at heart, or have more sense of their Miseries a thing very uncommon in French Politicks.

No. 176.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

When We wrote You for Directions in regard to advancing the Merchants they had some Money in their hands, but having since brought in more than their Ballances including the Turned out Cloth and representing that if they have not an Advance immediately they shall be obliged to write to their Agents in the Country to stop their hands; upon which Consideration We have come to a Resolution to let them have Three Thousand Pagodas each, which We hope will be sufficient 'till We receive your Honour &ca's. Orders.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David,
20th. Decembr. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Hble Servts.
Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

No. 177.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed come the usual Papers for the last Month, In which You will perceive a Charge of Pags. 64–17–16 under the head of Account Repairs, for Work done at the Factory at Suncrapollam occasioned by Your Honour &ca's. Orders of entertaining any of the Inhabitants of Calcutta should they come this Way, As there was no House proper for their Reception at this Place, or indeed is the House I reside in Myself safe, being apprehensive daily of One of it's sides falling out, occasioned by the late violent Rains, which has caus'd One of the Walls to part from the Cross Walls upwards of Three Inches, which if not soon repaired may endanger the whole; Your Honour &ca's. will be pleas'd to observe that this House was formerly a Godown, built by Mr. Saunderson in the Year 1752 for the reception of the Cloth from the Washers, and which on my being obliged to leave the Factory at Suncrapollam in the Year 1751, I repair'd to by Order of the President & Council to carry on the Business of this Settlement, and had their permission to Repair the Roof, which I accordingly did, and then imagined the Walls to be good; The Expence of pulling the said Wall down, and building it up in a proper Manner will amount to Pags. 150 it being upward of 90 Feet long 2 feet through & 15 high. The Repairs I have made at Suncrapollam is no more than was immediately necessary to make it habitable. The Damages the Moors did to it & the two other Houses (appropriated to the use of the Assistants at this Place) having never been repair'd since that Time, there wants many Things to be done to put Them in thorough Repair. The Walls that surround the Factory having not a Coat Chunam on Them the Bricks are daily mouldering away, the

further Repairs necessary to the Factory and Buildings at that place will amount to Pag^{s}. 300 which I shall be glad of Your Honour &c$^{a's}$. Orders concerning as also about those wanting to the House I now live in.

At the Foot hereof is the Account Cloth in hand & I am

INGERAM,
3^{D}. DECEM^{R}. 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient HBle Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

	At the Wash.	Embaled.
L. C. O.	73 6	11
L. C. M.	61 13	1
L. C. F.	67 1	
Corge ..	202 —	11 [*sic*] Bales

No. 178.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This is to advise that We have drawn on You for thirteen hundred (1300) Pagodas in favour of Henry Powney Esqr. for so much paid into the Honble Company's Cash here by Alexander Wynch Esqr.

We are with Respect

FORT S^{T}. DAVID,
21ST. DECEMB^{R}. 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Serv^{ts}.

ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICH^{D}. FAIRFIELD.
ROB^{T}. SLOPER.
CHA^{S}. TURNER.

No. 179.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Captn. D'Illens having acquainted Col. Lawrence and M^{r}. Wynch yesterday that it would be two Months before he could finish his Complaints We have thought it proper now to transmit You those he has already delivered in, and wait your Directions how to proceed. He has told Col. Lawrence and M^{r}. Wynch that He had sent up to You some Complaints which with submission We hope Your Honour &c^{a}. will communicate to Us, in case they contain anything more than those delivered here.

You will please to observe that in his Letter of the 19th. He insinuates that He supposes We had no Inclination to receive any more of his Complaints, as We had not sent Him a Particular Receipt for each, Thó from the first We acquainted him We were both ready and willing to receive any thing He had to say for the Good of the Service, upon which We wrote him that whatever he sent in should be faithfully accorded, & that We expected He would proceed as fast as possible.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David,
23d. Decr. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servts.

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

To the Gentlemen of Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

The many Charges that I lay before You against Mr. Richard Fairfield Military Storekeeper of this Place, You may Gentlemen if you think proper Examine upon the several Heads of the aforesaid charges, But I insist by the first Article of Section Ten of the Articles of War, that the said Richard Fairfield Military Storekeeper may be brought before a General Court Martial there to make his Defense against the several Charges which I lay against according to aforesaid Articles of War.

I am

Fort St. David,
December 13th. 1756.

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servant

Lewis D'Illens.

Charges against Mr. Richard Fairfield Military Storekeeper of Fort St David by Captn. D'Illens.

1. He never take an exact Account himself of all the Powder which was in different Magazine since he was made Storekeeper, nor examined what Powder was good, Reparable, or Unserviceable nor he never [*sic*] keep an Exact Account & Journal of what Powder was receiv'd in and expended from the different Magazine, & also he never keeps an Acct. of the different Sorts of Powder in the Garrison; which might be of a great prejudice to the Company as I can make appear.

2. He never made since he is Storekeeper an Exact Survey of all the Company's Stores given to his Charges to see if there was any deficient from the Number He mentioned in his Books or if, they was all in a good Condition.

3. He has receiv'd from the Laboratory before Captn. D'Illen's time different Stores entirely wrong made, as 24 Pounders & 18 Pounders, Grape with 12 Pounders Bottoms, Portfires mixt with Oil &ca. and was his duty to examine the Quality of those, and if they was not good to make Complaint against the Director of the Laboratory.

4. At Captn. D'Illen's Arrival at Fort St. David some time He would not permit him to have the Keys of the Magazine in his own Custody, but sooner rather comit them to the Cutody of Serjeant Carter who ever Night went

over to Cuddalore with Mr. Fairfield knowledge & comit the Keys to his Servant, a Black fellow, in his Absence, Captn. D'Illens complained several Times to Mr. Starke of such a great Abuse without Redress, and at last he was obliged to take them Keys by Force.

5. Since Captn. D'Illens has taken to his Possession for the good of the Service, the Magazine and Artillery Stores Mr. Fairfield has never ask'd An [*sic*] Monthly Account to be brought before the Governour and Council as Captain D'Illens was very desirous of Compare [*sic*] the Account together.

6. Mr. Fairfield Storekeeper has made Use of false Weights in weighing Stores &cª. which was Indented for the Use of Artillery Viz.

				lb.	oz.	
His 14 Pound weight is equall to			.. ..	12	13	of Ours
Dº. 7	Dº.	dº.	.. ..	6	5	dº.
Dº. 4	Dº.	dº.	.. ..	3	11	dº.
Dº. 2	Dº.	dº.	.. ..	1	13½	dº.
Dº. 1	Dº.	dº.	.. ..	—	14¾	dº.

Which was proved by Our own Laboratory Brass Weight before Several Non Commission Officers of the Artillery and to hinder any disputes they are put into a Box and the Key thereof deliver to Captn. Gardner.

7. It will appear by the Examination of his Accounts give Monthly to the Council that he has charged an Extravagant Price most all the Stores he has bought for the Company's Use & deliver to Captn. D'Illens for the use of the Artillery.

8. Perhaps it will appear when both our Accounts are compared together that he has charged to the Company more Stores to the Use of the Artillery at Fort St. David than he deliver'd out.

9. It will perhaps appear by the Examination of the above Account that he has charged to the Company several new Barrels (more than 300) the staves & heads thereof Captain D'Illens has return [*sic*] to the Coopers which was made up afresh and so charge as New Ones.

10. He has never ask [*sic*] the Governor to Call the Commanding Officers of the different Companys to give an [*sic*] Monthly Acct. of the Arms and A Coutrements [*sic*] given to their Charge Especifieng [*sic*] what was received, delivered, Expended and remains, whereby he puts it in the Power of such Commanding Officers (if they was so inclined) to prejudice the Company to a vast Sum.

11. He makes no distinction between the different Sizes of Guns, Shot, Grape, Catridges, &cª. whereby he puts it in the Power of the Commanding Officer of Artillery (if he was so inclined) to prejudice the Company to vast sum.

12. He lost or suffer to be lost or spoiled a great many of the Company's Stores of a great Value by his neglect of duty and not understandg. his Business committed to his Charge.

13. He sells to the People of the Garrison by Drams the Arrack mix'd with Salt Water and also an extravagant a Price as 8 fanams ℔ Bottle which amount to near 100 Pagodas Pr. Leaguer which Arrack so mixt Operates upon the Men in such manner as causes them to commit the many disorders which are committed, which would not be if the Arrack was sold Neat as Imported, and We should not have so many Men fall sick and send to the Hospital as We have which I compute is a great deal owing to the badness of the Arrack which he sell to Them.

Fort St. David, Lewis D'Illens.

Decembr. the 13th. 1756.

[*The following matter is taken from Fort St. David Consultations Vol. 22B for the year* 1756.]

GENTLEMEN

The many charges I lay before you against Mr. John Call Engineer of this place you may Gentlemen if you think proper Examine him upon the several head, of the aforesaid charge; but I insist Gentlemen that he may be brought before a general Court Martial to make his diffence against the several articles it being usual in his Majestys service for Engineer to be tryed here by in such Cases as Concerns Martial Law.

I am

FORT ST. DAVID, GENTLEMEN

14TH. DECEMBER 1756. Yr. most Obedient hum. Servt.

LEWIS D'ILLENS.

TO THE GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

CHARGES AGAINST MR. JOHN CALL ENGINEER OF FORT ST. DAVID.

1. If we are in wanting of any Carriages at Fort St. David or Cuddallore it is Intirely owing to his own fault.
2. If the Carriages are not repaired and we should chance to suffer any prejudice from their not being repaired, it will be intirely owing to his own fault.
3. If we should suffer any prejudice in wanting a great many Stone platforms to a great many Embrazures in the Fort and in the outworks it will be intirely owing to his own fault.
4. That most of all the works he has done here is wrong and besides of a great deal more Expence then there was occasion for.
5. That he has neglected to put in a good manner of deffence little, but necessary works Around the Fort.
6. That if there happen any Accident to the grand magazine it will be his own fault.
7. That he dont no [*sic*] the way to make carriages for Guns and Beds for Mortars to the best advantage.
8. That those large Gun platforms that he made by Mr. Clive's Order; and also those that he made for Captain D'Illens was Intirely wrong made; the beams & Planks being put the Contrary way to what they ought to have been.
9. That he would never Consult upon any thing for the good of the service with Captain D'Illens; who was in Capacity and willing to give him very good Instruction, altho' Captain D'Illens don't presume to be himself an Engineer; yet nevertheless Qualified enough to give Mr. Call Instruction.
10. Perhaps it will appear that upon Examining his Account Monthly that he hath charge the Company for making the Carriages a great deal more than what they can be made for.
11. That he made at different time Complaint to Mr. Starke that Captn. D'Illens did not furnish him with a sufficient number of Lascars for carrying the work on; when at the same time out of the Lascars he had to carry the Work on; he Employ'd a great many Every day, in Transporting of Timber &c. out of the Artificers yard to the House he was building, and to other particular business.

12. That he never knowed the way till lately how to compleat a Mine having lately said before Colonel Lawrence in the present of Captn. D'Illens that a Sauzage should be filled with some particuiar Composition which he was desirous that Captain D'Illens should prepare in his Laboratory; at which Colonel Lawrence laugh and Explained to Mr. Call the right way to compleat a Mine and how can such a person be Qualified for an Engineer.

13. That Mr. Call did suffer a House to be Enlarged at the Foot of the Glassis, which will take several days to be razed; the Consequence is such that in Case the French had come unexpected before the Fort they would have placed a body of Men equal to the strength of the Garrison behind the Dutch Factory Established in the same place different Mortars and advance behind Captain Linns House a party with some Guns and Mortars; by which disposition it would have put the Garrison in a good distress.

Fort St. David, Lewis D'Illens.
December the 14th. 1756.

Gentlemen

Being a little better I continue to lay before you some other Complaints Vizt. Against Irshislapuddy Civil and Military Paymaster's Braminy &c. Trevengoddam late Conicobler of the Lascars, and still remains Head Conci-cobler of the Artificers and Cooleys, the next Complaints which I shall let appear before you Gentlemen, as soon as my health will permit will be against Captain Gardner Commanding officer of this place.

I am

Fort St. David, Gentlemen
18th. December 1756. Yr. most Obedient humble Servant
Lewis D'Illens.

To Alexander Wynch Esqr. &c. Council of
Fort St. David.

Charges against Irshislapudy Civil and Military Paymr. Braminy.

1. That he never gives to the Military Pensioner but 19 little Fanams to half a Pagoda, and to the Train of Artillery Pensioners he never gives but 18 little Fanams for half a Pagoda; now I think it is a great Imposition to Men that have lost their Limbs in the Honourable Company's Service to be defraud in such a manner by a black fellow. But why should he make a distinction between the Artillery and Military Pensioners of one Fanams in half a Pagoda; that Article alone shew him to be a villain, and the said Pensioners have made Complaint to the Paymaster several times without Redress.

2. That he sell Rice to the Pensioners at an Extravagant Rate, and when he gives them a note to receive it, the Conicobler at the Godown where they serve the Rice did buy the said note often times from the Pensioners and for a Pagoda note or Pagoda worth of rice he did give them betwixt 30 or 36 fanams and no more, which I think a great Imposition.

3. That before Captain D'Illens took the trouble to see the Lascars paid, they never received but 18 little fanams for the half Pagda. but since Captain D'Illens have took the trouble to see them pd.

they always receive the full fanams for the half Pagoda accords. as the Pagoda changes in the Buzar; but whether it is the Braminy fault or the Paymaster that will appear upon Examination.

FORT ST. DAVID, LEWIS D'ILLENS.
18TH. DECEMBER 1756.

CHARGES against Trevengoddam late Conicobler of the Lascars, & still remains head Conicobler of the Artificers and Cooleys.

1st. That when the Lascars was sent aboard His Majesty's Ships they left their subsistence for their Familys; which the said Trevengoddom received & Expended the same for his own use; when the above mentioned Lascars familys was in great distress for want of the said money, and almost starving, but the Lascars when they came ashoar Complaining to Captain D'Illens of the same; he Ordered him to be confined in his Room in the Fort for two days before he could get him to pay the Money.

2. That in March 1752 when Colonel Lawrence went up to Trisnopoly he took a hundred Lascars with him, which Lascars left their pay to be pay Monthly to their Familys, which the said Trevengoddom Received and Expended for his own use; but when Colonel Lawrence came to Baur Camp, the Lascars complaining to him in what a villanous manner the said Trevengoddam had behav'd to their familys in cheating them out of the above Subsistance, Col. Lawrence on his Examining the case in finding it to be true sent for the said Trevengoddom Prisoner, and had him brought Prisnr. to Baur Camp where he condemned him to be hang for a villain and was under sentence of Death; but upon Captain Lieutt. Shaw Intercession Colonel Lawrence was pleased to pardon him on his repaying the Money back again; but Ordered him never to be Entertained again in the Service; yet nevertheless he hath continued Conicobler of the Lascars and also of the Artificers and Cooleys in the yard.

3d. When the Lascars received ½ or ¾ of a Pagoda worth of Rice from the Braminy, the Lascars Conicobler when he paid 'em Instead of gives them the Remainder of the Pagoda, kept always a double fanams for himself. In the payment of Septr. the Braminy declared to the Lascars that he keep that fanm. in his hand, and would give it to them, yet nevertheless has not.

4. That when the Lascars Conicobler was paying the Lascars Pensioners to one Pagoda each, he has Hoped from every one of them a double fanam each Month; but since the Braminy pay the Pensioners he pays them the whole Pagoda.

5. It will appear by the Examination of all the Artificers & Cooleys in the yard that the said Conicobler never paid the most part of them their full wagers as was allow [*sic*] them by the Company; by which Consequently we have lost a great many of Our best Artificers, who runs to Pondicherry where they have a better method of Paying the Artificers.

6. That Captain D'Illens hath several times caught him in his Knavish Tricks, and has made Complaints thereof to the different deputy Governors of this place without Redress, the said Conicobler being protected by several persons in power and principally Mr. Call but lately Captain D'Illens complaining to Mr. Wynch of some

new villany that the said Conicobler had committed, Mr. Wynch give leave to Captain D'Illens to turn him out of the Lascars Service; which accordingly he did.

Fort St. David, Lewis D'Illens.
18th. December 1756.

Gentlemen

I have the Honour to let appear before you a charge against Captain George Gardner Commanding Officer of this place.

I am
20th. December 1756. Gentlemen
Yr. most Obt. hum. servt.
Lewis D'Illens.

To Alexander Wynch Esqr. &c. and Council of Fort St. David.

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[Charges against Captain Gardner Commanding Officer of Fort St. David.

1. That he would consent that Captain D'Illens should represent to the Deputy Governor any things for the good of the] Artillery and when Captain D'Illens for the benefit of Peace did desire Captain Gardner speak himself to the Deputy Governour about some matter, he generally forgot the next day what Captain D'Illens had told him the day before, upon which Captain D'Illens would no more comply with Captn. Gardner Request but went himself to the Deputy Governour whenever he had any Representation to make him for the good of the Artillery service.

2. That Captain Gardner would never consent that Captain D'Illens should keep with his Officers Regimental Court martials for the Trial of his People, altho' Captain Gardner should knows [*sic*] the 2nd. Article of the 14th. Section of the Articles of War, and also the 37th. Paragraph of the general Letter of the 17th. June 1748 Confirm'd by the 22d. Paragraph of the General Letter of the 26th. March 1755, some time after Mr. Clive's arrival at Fort St. David Captain D'Illens went to Him and made his Complaint against Captn. Gardner of the said Article upon which Mr. Clive ordered Captain Gardner to let Captain D'Illens have the Tryal of his own People with his own Officers; But a little after Mr. Clive went to Bengal Captn. Gardner followed his own former Way and lately Ordered a Court of Enquiry composed of Military Officers for examining a Mottross of the Artillery which was confined on suspicion of Desertion.

3. That Captain Gardner did oblige Captain D'Illens when Presideent of a Court Martial to deliver to Him the proceeding and sentence of the said Court Martial before the Governour had approved or disapproved it which proceeding of Captain Gardner was entirely contrary to the use practic'd in the Kings Service where it is not in the Power of a President of any Court Martial to shew the proceeding and sentence of such Court Martial to any Person whatsoever before he has shew it to the Person who has the Authority to approve or disapprove it, when Colonel Adlercron was here the President of the Companys Regimental Court Martial carried the proceeding first to the Colonel, then to the Governour and afterwards to the Commanding Officer of the Fort.

4. That Captain Gardner wocld not suffer Captain D'Illens to order any of his own People upon the Pickett for small Offence nor worth troubling a Court Martial with all tho' Captain D'Illens represented to him different

time that it was practised in the King's Service where any Commanding Officers of Artillery has that Priviledge, which can be certified by Captain Hyslop and all his Officers.

5. That Captain Gardner would not suffer that Captn. D'Illens should have any of his own People confin'd to the Artillery Barracks without being reported to the Officer of the Main Guard, altho' Captn. Gardner should be acquainted that in the King's Service any Officer Captn. Lieutt. or Ensign Commanding a Company of part of a Company, has the Power to confine any of his own People in their Barracks for small Offence without being obliged to report them to the Officer of the Main Guard.

6. That Captain Gardner haslately ordered in the black hole a Bombardier who being found by Captn. D'Illens a little in Liquor was confin'd in the Train Barrack till further Order, and Captain Gardner give an Order at the same time that in future no person of the Artillery should be confin'd in the Artillery Barrack, but should be sent immediately to the Main Guard and in default of such order he would put the Officer of Artillery under Arest.

7. That when Captain D'Illens did send to the Main Guard or the Black hole any Men with their Crimes Captain Gardner did several times release those Men without being acquitted by a Court Martial or Captain D'Illens desisting from the Charge against Them.

8 That Captain Gardner would not suffer that Captn. D'Illens should have the same Command of the Artillery at Cuddalore as he had at Fort St. David, he having given Orders to Lieutt. Davies Commanding Officer of Cuddalore to pay no regard to Captn. D'Illens concerning the Artillery of that Place, but upon several Representation that Captain D'Illens made to Captain Gardner of the bad Consequence of such an order, Captain Gardner promised to send to Lieutt. Davies to countermand that Order, But when Col. Lawrence arriv'd at Fort St. David both him and Mr. Wynch having ordered Captain D'Illens to send to Cuddalore for the best Gun Carriages that was in that Place, Captain D'Illens in executing that Order send a Gunner, 40 Lascars, and some large Cattamarans with a Letter to Lieutt. Davies, supposing Captain Gardner had perform'd his Promise, but Lieutt. Davies would not comply with Captain D'Illens Letter saying he had receiv'd an Order from Captain Gardner to let Captain D'Illens have what he would out of the Magazine but had no Order to let him have any Guns or Carriages, Captain D'Illens being acquainted therewith went immediately to Captain Gardner and made Complaint against Lieutt. Davies without any Redress, except Captain Gardner promising to write again to Lieutt. Davies; some days after Captain D'Illens receiving an Order from Col. Lawrence to send two 4 Pounders Guns with proper Ammunition and One Gunner to Bandepolum Fort, and as Captain D'Illens could not spare any Men from Fort St. David he sent an Order to a Mattross at Cuddalore to go to the Fort abovementioned having first acquainted Lieutt. Davies thereof, but he refused to let the said Mattross go, saying as before that he had no Order from Captain Gardner to let Him goe, Captain D'Illens being acquainted thereof went and made fresh Complaint to Captn. Gardner against Lieutt. Davies without any Redress and that Mattross is still remaining at Cuddalore tho' Captain D'Illens sent that Order several Days past.

9. That Captain Gardner would not allow that CaptainD'Illens should have any Command or Inspiction over the Artillery Pensioners, by which means those Men could not make their Complaint to Captain D'Illens against the Paymaster or his Braminy for defrauding them out of part of their Pension.

10. That lately when four Prisoners of the Military (of which their wounds were pretty well Cicatriz'd) desiring for the good of the Service to enter into the Artillery, applied to Captain Gardner to have his leave for it,

But Captain Gardner Ordered Them to enter into the Military again, altho' those 4 Men being examined by Doctor Hancock, in the presence of Captain D'Illens, He found them only capable of light Business, consequently not fit for duty in the Military where they must carry heavy Arms, Cartouch Box filled with 24 Rounds at least &c^{a}. But fit for to do duty in the Artillery in several Stations. If We don't allow the Pensioner when they find themselves a little capable of duty to enter in the Artillery they will never make known when they are fit for Duty, which will be very prejudicial to the Service.

11. That two of those Men having represented to Captn. Gardner that their contracted time was expired and that they was [*sic*] desirous to renews [*sic*] their time afresh in the Artillery, but Captain Gardner ordered those two Men to do duty in the Battallion as well as the other two Men abovementioned and told 'em that they should not have a Cash of Bounty Money.

12. That since We have receiv'd Order to make Ourselves ready in this Place. Captain Gardner never called Captn. D'Illens to consult with him about the best disposition of Guns & Mortars round the Body of the Place and to the Outworks, which Captn. D'Illens would be extreamly glad to do, but seeing that Captn. Gardner was not troubling himself about it, Captain D'Illens upon an Order from M^{r}. Wynch disposed the Guns and Mortars to the proper Places, to the best of his Judgement.

13. That since We have receiv'd an Order to make Ourselves realy in this Place Captain Gardner has never shew to the Officers and soldiers of the Garrison what Post they should repair to in case the Enemy should come unexpected before this Place, contenting himself with giving the following Orders the 24 November.

> In case of an Alarm in the night Captain Gardner Company is to take Post on the Flagstaff Bastion, Captn. Paschals on the Cuddalore Bastion, Captain Calinders on the North West Bastion, Captain Schaubs on the South West Bastion.

which Order was intirely wrong and Incomplete as Captn. D'Illens will let appear at a proper Time.

14. That Captain D'Illens is firmly assured that Captain Gardner is intirely uncapable of defending as Commanding Officer a Place besieg'd in a regular manner, as the French would do if they come before this Place, Captain D'Illens will make this appear in asking Captn. Gardner in Open Court different Questions to which he will not be able to answer as an Officer.

Fort S^{t}. David, Lewis D'Illens.
20th. December 1756.

N°. 180.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
of Fort S^{t}. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

The good of the service has obliged me to begin with some Proceedings against some Gentlemen and others which I have found behaving Prejudicial to the Company's Good My Intentions at first was not to have those things made Publick, I was only desirous to let every Article appear before Colonel Lawrence that He might acquaint You, Honourable Sir & Sirs, of those Abuses & that You might give what Order You had found Proper to remedy those

Abuses, But as the Council of this Place has forced Me to put every thing in Writing without allowing Me an Assistant, among the Company's Writers; I was obliged to employ my Portugue Writer, and some other of my People to help Me in the Business, by which those Things are so publick here, that they want absolutely to be publickly decided. What concerns Messrs. Fairfield & Call it will appear by their Examination that they are very much guilty, and also I beg the favour you will not oppose my desire to have them try'd before a General Court Martial; As for those two Black Cony Coplers they deserve to be treated Criminally. But as for what concerns Captain Gardiner as he is a very good and honest Man full of good Intentions, only wanting of understanding the service a little better, I would' not hurt him if I cou'd, and I should be satisfyed for my part if You please to send an order here concerning the first Eleven Articles of my Charge against Him, And about the three last Articles I would leave to your own Judgement. As soon as my Health will permit I shall continue to let appear some more irregular things that may happen here, But before I communicate it to you I shall let it appear before the Council of this Place,

I am with Respect

Fort St. David,
21st. December 1756

Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient and most humble
Servant
Lewis D'Illens.

Copies of Captn. D'Illens charges against Messrs. Fairfield, Call, & Gardner, and Streetchliputty & Trevengoddam Conicoplies came enclosed in the above Letter, but being the same Verbatim with those transmitted in the General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 23d. decr. No. 179 They are not entered.

No. 181.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The confused method that the Accounts of this Settlement have hitherto been kept, renders it impossible for me to come at any certain knowledge of the value of Stores that have been at times receiv'd here, lays Me under the Necessity of transmitting Your Honour &ca. the Acct. Stock I have collected to the 30th. last April in order that You may ascertain the prices of the different Articles to enable Me to compose a regular sett of Books. I also inclose an Indent for Stationary which I hope Your Honour &ca. will please to comply with.

Deve Cotah,
21st. Decr. 1756

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. Hble Servt.
James Bourchier.

INDENT for Stationary wanted at DEVE COTAH.

General Letter Paper	10 Quires
Medium Paper	10 Dº.
Post Dº.	10 Dº.
Blue Dº.	2 Dº.
Quills	1,000
Sealing Wax	2 lb.
Ivory handle Penknives	4 lb.
Hoans	2
Pounce	2 lb.
Scissars	2 Pr.
Ink Powder	12 Papers.
Red Cotton	1 lb.
Long Round Rulers	2
Tutenague Ink Stands	2
Sand Boxes	4
Straps	2
Pencils	6
Ivory folders	2

JAS. BOURCHIER

21ST. DECEMBER 1756.

Nº. 182.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Nothing material occurring since my last I have only to enclose Your Honour &ca. the Accts. of this Place for last Month. The Account of Cloth in hand is at foot hereof.

I am with the greatest Esteem

BANDARMALANKA, HONBLE SIR & SIRS

DECEMBER THE 16TH. 1756. Your most Obedt. & o[b]liged humble Servts.

JOHN ANDREWS.

CLOTH IN HAND.

		LCO.	LCM.	LCF.
EMBALED 57 Bales	Cors.	45	27	18
AT THE WASH 95 Bales		80	40 12	31 19
Bas. 152	Corgs.	125	67 12	49 19

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